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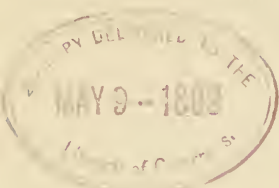
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A Sketch of the Author.

Richard H. Taneyhill was born in Calvert county, Maryland, in 1822, and was one of a prominent family in the section of the State in which he was born. When a lad ten years old he came with his parents to Barnesville, and remained a citizen of the community until he died, with the exception of some years spent in Noble county, where for a time he conducted a newspaper at Olive. He began life as a school teacher, but in 1843, he entered the law office of the Hon. John Davenport and began the study of law, and was admitted to the bar in 1847. He continued the practice of that profession until about fifteen years ago, when his health failing him, he quit that business, and turned his attention to the more healthful occupation of raising small fruits, etc. As a lawyer, Mr. Taneyhill gained a reputation for his knowledge of the law, and for his oratorical abilities and fiery debates with colleagues. He was elected mayor of Barnesville in 1874, serving one term, and held various other offices of the town and township at other times. He was an author of no small repute, and his pen was

fluent whether dipped into history or story of fiction or description. He was a man of wonderful memory, and being a close student and a profound thinker, he was an authority upon many subjects, and had dates of public affairs, men and incidents of our country's history so firmly fixed in his mind that they were always at his command. During his life he contributed largely to the press of Barnesville and Belmont county. His articles on local history extended through many numbers of the *Enterprise*, under the *non de plume* of 'R. King Bennett,' entitled "Historical Sketches," and have been reproduced at different times. Among his other articles were "The Leatherwood God," which attracted much attention, "Mary Grayson," "Joe Ransom," "The Old Walnut Table," and many other sketches, which were read with much interest. He has left quite a number of articles in manuscript. For several years before his death Mr. Taneyhill suffered much on account of impaired health, but his mind remained as firm as ever, and his love of writing continued to the very last, much of the past summer being spent in that way. He died the 29th of November, 1898, aged seventy-six years.

HISTORY OF BARNESVILLE, OHIO.

BARNESVILLE IN 1832.



AMES BARNES, the founder of Barnesville, was born in Montgomery county, Maryland, and was a shoemaker by trade and belonged to the Society of Friends. He came to Ohio early in the century and started at St. Clairsville a large country store like those of the times and entered two sections of land in Warren township—sections 15 and 21. There lived at St. Clairsville a tanner named James Round. He and Barnes got acquainted, and as Barnes intended to start a town on his lands in Warren township, he and Round soon made a contract that Round go to Barnesville, the intended town, and sink a tanyard. Round agreed to do so, if Barnes would donate two acres of ground in the town for a Methodist church and graveyard, which he promised to do. So Round moved to Barnesville in the summer of 1808 and settled his family in a little log cabin that stood at the southwest corner of Main and Chestnut

streets, where the large brick clothiers building of Williams brothers now stands and at once began to settle the tanyard. In 1811, Mr. Barnes had erected the large frame building, so long the residence of the Robert Hopper family—lot No. 37. Barnes moved into that house in 1812.

The town was laid out and platted on the 9th day of November, 1808. The surveyor was John Brown, then the county surveyor and deputy sheriff. He was a local M. E. preacher and grandfather of our townsman, Henry R. Brown. He afterwards went to Morgan county, where he died.

The town was laid off in blocks of two acres each and lots one-fourth of an acre each. One acre fronted on Main street; the other one on what was called back streets. There were 128 lots in all, besides streets and alleys. The streets were sixty-six feet wide; alleys a rod. The entire plat covered about fifty acres of ground. The fifth block—that on the northeast corner of Main and Chestnut streets—was not put to sale, but was reserved by Barnes for the use of his own family.

I came to Barnesville with my father's family in June, 1832, arriving after night on the 19th day, which was a Sunday. We stopped over night at the John O. Parsons hotel. Awoke to a bright, sunny day made salubrious by a shower during the night. The first thing I saw was a martin box perched above the town sign with martins flying about it. The next thing I saw was a long row of salt barrels under the eave in front of James Barnes & Son's store. I propose to describe the town just as it then was, noting every house and vacant spot as they were in 1832.

Beginning at the east end, lot No. 1 was then va-

cant; now the St. Clair residence stands on it. The next lot had on it a two-story log building, then the residence of Thomas Jones. The rest of the lot was vacant and so was the next lot and also the east side of the next lot, No. 4. The balance of the lot had on it a little brick, so long the residence of Dr. Kemp. The west side of the lot was vacant. The next was the residence of Nathan Riley with his cabinet-maker's shop. A two-story log building was on the next lot. I do not remember who lived there. On the next lot was Isaac Kincaide's chair factory. Then there was a vacancy when we come to the family residence of William McLane, father of our townsmen, James V. and Robinson McLane. Then there was a little vacant spot. Then we arrived at the homestead of George Aduddell a blacksmith. John Francis, a blacksmith, and a brother-in-law of Aduddell, lived in the family; also his sister, Nancy Francis Aduddell. Francis had a shop in another part of the town. Nancy remained as a member of this family until she died. We now get to the small log house, so long used by John Allen Scofield as a residence; then occupied by one Nathan Dodd. Along the street westward on the street edge, were two small frame buildings used as tailor and shoemaker shops. The balance of the lot was vacant. On the next lot was the blacksmith shop of David Snyder. On the next lot was the residence of Hannah Lewis. She afterwards married John McCune, who put up the present large frame building. Next came two or three small frame buildings right along the edge of the street westward. They were places where shoemakers and tailors had their shops. The next lot was entirely vacant. We next come to the family residence of Hon. John Davenport, a large brick building,

now a part of Dr. Ely's drug store building, then the finest building in the town. It had been a tavern-stand many years, kept by one Alexander. The rest of the lot was vacant then. On the next lot was a little one-story brick house, the residence of two sisters named Hilton. We next come to a burnt district where the dwellings of Robert Mills and Edward Thornburg had stood. On the next lot was a two-story log, the residence of John Morrison, a saddler. On the next lot was the residence of William Green, and the store room of Green & Hoyle. From the store room there projected a board sign with "Hoyle & Green" painted in flaming yellow letters. We next arrive at the residence of James Barnes, the proprietor of the town. It was composed of two houses, one brick, the other of hewn logs. In front was a vacancy paved in. We next come to the tavern-stand of William G. Shankland, the east end of which was a fine two-story frame with a porch to each story; then the brick on the west side that was owned by Mrs. Myers, and which was burnt down in the great fire of 1893. On the next lot was the residence of Vachel Barnes, son of James Barnes, and the store room of James Barnes & Sons. It is now the Bradfield block. We next come to the residence of Isaac Barnes, also a son of James Barnes. The east end of this lot was then vacant, except at the southeast corner, where there stood a great board coal house that dripped on to the sidewalk. The residence was a fine brick house, and is now the home of Mrs. Henry T. Barnes. The rest of this lot was vacant. On the next lot was the residence and store room of Benjamin H. Mackall, father of the late Col. Benjamin Mackall. Both buildings still stand. The east side of the next lot was vacant, then came the residence of Jos-

eph Gardiner, a two-story log weather-board. On the west side was a little frame, the shoe shop of Joseph Gardiner. We next come to the cabinet shop of Archibald Cole, a wooden building that stood with its end to the street. Then came the family residence of Archibald Cole, which is still standing. On the next lot was the residence and shop of Caleb Hibbard, a silversmith, with the windows of the shop room hung full of all styles and sizes of watches, that did one good to look at. On the back lot of Mr. Hibbard's residence there was the great tobacco barn of James Gibson, which was burnt down in 1841. There was also on this back lot a one-story hewn log house, right along Church street. It was built to fire tobacco in to qualify it for packing into hogsheads for shipment. It was also the property of James Gibson. On this lot west was a small, two-story brick. I do not recollect who lived in it. The next lot was vacant. The big brick now on it was put up in 1833, by James Gibson. It was for many years the residence of the late Benjamin Davenport, and is now owned and resided in by the family of Vinton Shipley. The late Dr. Painter Shoop, of Somerton, worked on that house as a stone mason. On the next lot was a little frame, the residence of John Harris. On the same lot there was then a one-story frame with a vacant place in front paled in. It was for a long time the residence of Crapper Laws, a hatter by trade. On the next lot on the east side there stood a small frame used afterwards by Mr. Laws as a hatters shop. On this lot was the residence of the late Colonel Benjamin Mackall. There was a large vacancy in front of the house fenced in. We next come to the two-story brick, then the residence of one Mosely. It is now the residence of John D. Talbott. The west side of this lot

was then vacant. We then come to a long, two-story frame house, the residence of John Harlan. Then we get to the residence of Uncle Zachariah Barnes, who lived in it many years. It was built of the logs which constituted the M. E. Church house in Barnesville. On the back lot of Mr. Barnes' residence was the little old brick school house right on Church street. The east half of the next lot was vacant; the west half was the residence of Samuel B. Hilton. He was the grandfather of our townsman, William G. Hilton. Mr. Hilton was a man of great energy and made things hum about him while he lived. He died,— 1844.

The academy lot was then vacant. The academy was put up in 1839 and 1840. The first session of school in it was in the winter of 1842-3, taught by Merrill and Johnson. I attended that session. The front of the next two lots was vacant; on the back ends were two one-story log houses, then used as a pottery, which was run by Mosely and James Round. Round now lives at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He has visited Barnesville several times recently and is in good health, although eighty-five years old. On the next lot was a small frame and at its west end there was then a shed-roofed addition, all the residence of one Barrett. On each of the next two lots there was a small frame house, but I do not recollect who occupied them. On the next lot where Dr. William's house now stands, was a two-story log house, but I don't remember who lived in it. On the next lot there was a two-story log house; don't know who lived in it. The east side of the next lot was vacant. On its west side was the residence of David Snyder, a blacksmith. On the east side of the next lot was a small frame that stood with its end to the street, then the resi-

dence of Rhoda Hayes, mother of Carter and Betsey, so familiar to our people. Then came the large frame house, then, and for so many years after, the residence of the Robert Hopper family. To the west side of this house there was a vacancy. Then we come to the residence of Dr. Carolus Judkins, the first doctor in Barnesville; also his office. The next lot was then vacant. On the next was the residence of Abraham Claudy, a blacksmith, and the grandfather of Samuel and Robert Piper, our townsmen. On the next lot were the residence and hatter's shop of Panther Laws—a two story log, weather-boarded. The shop was a small affair of frame. On the next lot was the blacksmith shop of John Bailey—a long, one story brick that stood with the end to the street. On the same lot was the large wagon-maker shop of James McLeish, with the floor inclined southward, and with two-thirds of the lot roofed all over. Here was exhibited the various kinds of implements made by Mr. McLeish. On the west side of this lot was the residence of Mr. McLeish—a narrow, two-story brick, with roof all inclined to the east. On the next lot was a two-story log, the residence of Thomas Shannon. Along the street on the same lot was a long, low frame—the old nail factory of James Riggs—then used by Thomas Shannon for a yellow tobacco packing house. On the east side of the next lot there was a small, two-story log house with a porch on all sides, the residence of Thomas D. Laws. He had a small grocery shop in the building. The west half was vacant. The large, brick drugstore room of G. E. Hilles was put up long afterwards by the Davenports. This brings us to the John A. Parsons hotel. It was a two-story log house, weather-boarded, with a stoop that

projected over the sidewalk. The stoop extended the whole length of the hotel. To the west there stood a frame with a shed roof. Here whiskey was sold by the quart. The old brick, now part of the Albert House, was built in 1833 by James Hare. The great brick building of the Albert House was part put up by the Mills brothers, William and Ezekiel, in 1868 or 1869, and afterwards finished by Marx Albert. On the next lot west was a one-story brick, the residence of one Wooten, a tailor. The rest of the lot was vacant and fenced. The Gamenthaler block stands now where Wooten's residence stood then. We next come to the residence of William Moore—a two-story log house. Whiskey was sold there then by the quart. On the next lot was a long two-story log house weather-boarded; then used as a tanner's shop by William G. Shankland, but run by Nathan S. Vallentine. We next come to the large brick residence of James Gibson and the storeroom of Davenport & Gibson, right where the Campbell Brothers' shoe store and the Rogers Brothers' hardware store now stand. We now come to the residence of Robert Mills, where Williams Brothers now do business. On the same lot along the edge of the street there were two small frame houses then used by shoemakers and tailors as shops. On the next lot was the then residence of James Round. On the next lot was a tremendous frame building, used as a bark house and also as a bark mill. On the south end of this lot was the tan house of the first tannery settled by Mr. Round for James Barnes. It was owned in 1832 by Benjamin H. Mackall. It was turned into a tobacco packing house. We next come to the residence and saddler shop of John Brown, father of our townsman, Henry R.

Brown. The shop was a little frame, and there projected from it across the sidewalk a board sign with a saddle painted on it and "John Brown, Saddler," in great yellow letters. The next lot was vacant. On the next lot was the residence of John Davenport—a two-story brick. This lot is now known as the Meek lot. On the next lot on the east side was a two-story log house. This was the first tavern in Barnesville, and was kept by one Henry Barnes, a shoemaker. The west half of this lot was vacant. This brings us to the residence of William Harper—a one-story frame that stood back from the street. The front part of this lot was vacant, but fenced in. Then came a vacancy, where now stands the little brick house, so long the home of Mr. James Hare. On the next lot was the homestead and shop of William E. Moore, a shoemaker. The next lot was vacant. Then came the residence and shop of William Hill, a shoemaker. It stood back from the street with a yard in front fenced in. The west half of this lot was vacant then. We next come to the residence of Capt. Joseph Farley, a tailor. The next lot was vacant. The next lot had on it a long double hewn log house, the then residence of one Waterhouse.

We now go down southward along the east side of Chestnut street. There was a vacant place right below the Campbell store room. Then came the old "shot tower," a tall two-story log built by Davenport and Gibson to dry ginseng in. The next lot south was vacant, as the residence and shop of one Broomhall had been burnt down. Broomhall was a tinner. We now come to the little one-story brick that stands yet below the residence of the Stephen family. On the next lot south were the residence and cabinet shop of Samuel B. Kimball. Here the town stopped.

Going to the west side of Chestnut street, right below Robert Mill's residence there was another tanyard. The next lot south was vacant, until we come to a little frame that stood with the end to the street. Then we come to the large blacksmith shop of Aduddell & Francis. At the corner of South and Chestnut streets was the residence of Edwin Nelson, a carpenter. His house was a one-story frame weather-board with split weather-boarding. It was the only house I ever saw so weather-boarded. The town stopped here.

On the north end of the James Barnes & Sons store room lot, there was a small one-story brick built by that firm to dry ginseng in. There was no building on South street then, and on Church street only the residences of Kelion Hager and George Mount, the Methodist church, and little brick school house, and a small hewn log. The Hager house stood at the northeast corner of Church and Chestnut streets, and was built by the Masons and school directors jointly. But it proved unpleasant to both parties, so Mr. Hager bought it. It was a nice two-story brick. As part pay for the directors' interest, Mr. Hager put up the little old brick school house. There was a vacancy going north right back of the Hager house. Then came a little low, long brick, and there town stopped. Right east and against the Methodist church lot was the residence of George Mount. He lived there for a great many years.

There were then two to four little frame houses standing where Reed's row now stands. They were the residences of the woolen factory employes. The old woolen factory also stood on mill lot in 1832. At the northwest corner of mill lot was a little frame used by John McCune as a hatters shop.

There were in Barnesville in 1832 just sixty-four houses used as dwellings, and although there were many journeymen mechanics and laborers employed in the town, its population in 1832 did not exceed four hundred all told. It then extended only as I have described. It is now spread over a full section of land—west half of section 15 and east half of section 21—and has a population of not less than 4,200.

The town then was encircled by fields, except just east of the academy lot, where was a great woods. Right east of the Kelion Hager residence there was James Barnes' orchard. And right west of the Methodist burial ground there was the orchard of James Gibson. Beyond the fields was all woods and they were full of all sorts of game.

Main street in 1832 was called Market street, and Chestnut was called Marietta street. The names were changed when the town was incorporated.

Barnesville was incorporated in 1834, and Isaac Barnes was elected mayor, and Lewis H. Green, clerk, for one year.

I have now given a sketch of the buildings and lots of the town of Barnesville as it appeared in 1832. To give the reader a better understanding of the different changes which time has made, the history of the town will be divided into three periods, the first period extending from the year of the founding of the town—1808 to 1832, the second from 1832 to 1852, and the third from 1852 to the present—1898.

FIRST PERIOD FROM 1808 TO 1832.

In 1809, Mr. Barnes, the founder of the town, caused to be erected on lot No. 18, a frame store room and dwelling under one roof, and in 1810 opened a mercantile

establishment, under the supervision of William Philpot, the first in the village. Mr. Barnes and his family removed from St. Clairsville to Barnesville in 1812. The first house occupied by him in the town was the front part of the late Robert Hopper residence on lot No. 42. Later he removed to lot No. 17, on which he resided until his death. In 1843, Mr. Barnes went to Baltimore and arranged to go into the tobacco commission business. As he was coming home to prepare for final exit to Baltimore, he dropped dead in the mountains of Pennsylvania, where he was buried. I do not remember what became of his family. Mr. Barnes had a very strong voice and in common conversation he could be heard several hundred feet away.

Aunt Nancy, the wife of James Barnes, was for many years the time-keeper for the town. With a long, tin horn she blew the dinner call for the people. They dined at that time precisely at 12 o'clock by Aunt Nancy's dinner call. A time piece was thought not worth having that did not keep time with that call. She was a tall, thin built woman, while Mr. Barnes was a tall, broad-shouldered man, over six feet, big in proportion. He wore a full suit of the brown Quaker cloth, cut in the style with the notions of that sect.

MECHANICAL AND OTHER INDUSTRIES.

The first saddler was Robert Mills, who came to the town in 1809 and opened his shop on lot No. 15, and he carried on that business until his death in 1867. The second saddler was John Brown, who conducted his trade with success until about 1840, when he went into the grocery business. David Snyder was the first blacksmith, and his shop stood on lot No. 11. He continued at that trade until he left the town in 1834. The second

blacksmith was George Aduddell, who came to town in the year 1815. His shop was on Chestnut street, a little north of the Heed corner. In this period John Bailey, George Dawson and John Francis, also blacksmiths, settled here. John Bailey carried on an extensive factory of three forges in a brick shop that stood on the west side of lot No. 45, and did so until 1847, when he moved to Gallia county. Dawson was for awhile the partner of Snyder, and then became his successor. Francis was a partner of Aduddell. The first shoemaker was Rev. Avery West, grandfather of our townsman, Mr. Eli Moore. He came in 1811 and continued the trade for about twelve years, when he went to farming. During the war of 1812, Joseph Gardiner came to this place and started a shoemaker's shop. In 1816 he bought a dwelling and shop on lot No. 23. Here he carried on his trade until his sons, Asbury and Wesley, became his successors in 1833. The "three Williams"—William Moore, William Hill, and William Parsons—were also shoemakers here in this period, all coming about the close of the war of 1812. Archibald Cole was the first cabinet maker, and he settled here during the war, and remained until his death. Kelion Hager, as a journeyman, worked with Cole. Cole's shop was on lot No. 24. Nathan Riley was the next. His shop stood on lot No. 5. He was the only undertaker in the town up to 1845, and he was the maker of over a thousand coffins. Samuel Kimball was the next. His shop and residence were the houses at Jack Heed's corner. William Bloomfield was the first tinner in the town. Joel Judkins, Edward Thornburg, and Joseph Brown were the first batters, all coming together and working together in a shop on lot No. 15. Panther Laws and John McCune were the next

hatters. Laws' shop stood on lot No. 45, and McCune's on the old mill lot on Chestnut street. The only silversmith here in this period was Caleb Hibbard, whose shop was on lot No. 25. He was the grandfather of our townsman, Mr. Frank Hibbard. He left the town in 1833. A clock made by him upwards of sixty years ago is now in possession of Mr. Frank Hibbard, who prizes it highly as a family relic. It is an excellent time-keeper. The only tailors here during this period, of whom I have certain knowledge, were William Mitten and Joseph Farley. They came about 1820 and remained until about 1837, when Farley died and Mitten went to Indiana.

JAMES RIGG'S NAIL FACTORY.

In 1810 James Riggs, of Hagerstown, Maryland, came to Barnesville and erected a long, wooden building of one story as a wrought nail factory. The house was lengthwise the street, and stood where the Masonic hall now stands. It had three forges. It was a very lucrative business until the cut nail machine ran wrought nails out of the market, when Mr. Riggs sold out and bought a farm south of town on section 14. This farm adjoins Silas Smith's on the east.

Mr. Riggs was a Methodist, but he despised negroes. Now at the Methodist church there worshipped one Lee Baler, a colored man, and he usually sat back towards the door. There was his seat when Mr. Riggs moved to Barnesville. Mr. Baler one Sunday went up a few seats further than was his wont. Mr. Riggs could not brook that act of Baler, so he arose, went to Baler, took him by the arm and put him out of the house. The members of the church were in high dudgeon at this conduct of

Mr. Riggs, but he was a man not to be trifled with, so the incident soon lost its interest, as no one said anything to Mr. Riggs about his act. Mr. Riggs was the father of Mrs. Doctor Isaac Hoover, the mother of Mrs. Mary Bowman, of Barnesville, and Dr. Thomas Hoover, of Columbus, very excellent people all. Dr. Thomas Hoover is a physician of high repute in Columbus.

OTHER INDUSTRIES.

William Henderson started a spinning and flax wheel factory in 1812, and shortly after joined to that the making of wooden bowls. The Hon. William Hawkins, late of McConnellsville, learned the trade with Henderson. Mr. Hawkins was a local politician of great merit and represented Morgan county several times in the legislature. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1851. About the same time—1812—one Tegard began the manufacture of chairs of various patterns. The best among them was an old-fashioned "Windsor," very substantial, if not elegant, and many of them are still in use in this region. A pottery was erected near the end of the war by one Romaine, on the hill just back of the academy building. Here for many years were made the old red clay crocks, jugs, and jars, so much used by the people. It went down in 1833. During all this period, from 1820, bricks were chiefly manufactured by the late William Piper. The Barnesville Steam Mill Company was incorporated in 1814. It immediately erected a very large grist mill and woolen factory on the grounds now used for the planing mill of the Rogers brothers. The mill had two run of burrs, and the woolen factory had six carding machines, two spinning jennies, two pickers, one power and six hand

looms, dressers sufficient for the looms, fulling stocks and a press. The company soon failed, when James Barnes became sole owner. He ran the woolen factory until 1835, and the mill until his death. In 1815 James Barnes built a brick house on lot No. 20, in which to prepare ginseng and snake root for shipment, and for a decade did a large business with these articles. About 1825 James McLeish, a Scotchman, erected a manufactory of wagons, plows, and farming implements in general on lot No. 46. He did an immense business. He was the inventor of a bar-shear plow, which met a long-felt want. He closed business about the beginning of the rebellion.

MERCANTILE HOUSES.

In 1810 James Barnes opened the first store in the village. "Store" is the right name for such an affair. It contained dry goods, groceries, hardware, holloware, queensware, glassware, leather, salt, etc. About 1820, Barnes erected the brick house, so long the Bradfield residence and dry goods store room, and which was torn down in 1889 to give place to the present fine brick block erected by the Bradfields. Here he removed his store which was continued until 1842, when the firm failed.

The second merchant in the town was Hon. Thomas Shannon, who opened a store in the late Frasier House, in 1812. He soon, by depression of trade, became bankrupt and returned to farming. William Coulson operated a store here during the war, but failed.

The fourth store was that of Myers and Young, who began business during the war and failed in 1819. Their store room stood where Mr. Warrick has his grocery,

on the corner lot owned by Mrs. Henry T. Barnes. John Davenport, one of the notable men in the early history of Barnesville, arrived here in 1818, from Winchester, Va. In the spring of 1819, he opened a store in the late Frasier House, and in 1820 formed a partnership with John Gibson, another prominent citizen, and a large business was successfully conducted by them for many years. For a part of those years William Philpot was an additional partner. The greater part of the time their store was kept at the Campbell corner, lot No. 52. Mummy and Affleck operated a store from 1825 to 1828 at Mrs. H. T. Barnes' corner. This store had attached to it a department of drugs, medicines, paints and oils. In 1828 this establishment was purchased by Benjamin H. Mackall, who continued it until his death in 1835. In about the year 1826 Benjamin Hoyle and William Green opened a store in the east end of the old Frasier House, and continued the same during this period. In 1832 Hoyle retired and Green still continued the business at the old stand, until 1847, when he quit and went to live on his farm. The first grocery was kept by Thomas D. Laws, which he began in 1830 and abandoned in 1832. Allen Green and his son, Lewis H. Green, began the mercantile business in the frame part of the Shankland hotel in 1831. They quit business in a few months.

TOBACCO MERCHANTS.

About the year 1824 Barnes, Davenport and Gibson began to handle leaf tobacco. For that purpose Barnes built a large barn where the Presbyterian church stands, and Davenport another where the city hall stands. Gibson erected a great double barn with an intervening shed

on the south of the Frank Hibbard lot. Thomas Shannon, in 1827, began to handle leaf tobacco in the old nail factory of James Riggs, and continued to do so to the end of this period. Immense quantities of leaf tobacco were handled by these gentlemen to the great benefit and convenience of the people.

CHURCHES.

It was a part of the contract between Rev. James M. Round and Mr. Barnes, that Barnes, in addition to Round's salary, should also donate two acres of land, near the village, for the uses of the M. E. Church. In the summer of 1808, Bishop Francis Asbury, on an episcopal tour, stopped with Round, preached a sermon and selected the two acres to be donated. The ground is that which comprises the old graveyard, and the lots on which the Disciples are erecting their new church. In 1810 a hewed log church was put up a little to the west of the old brick. It faced to the east, had two great chimneys at the west end, one at each corner, and built on the outside of the house; two great fireplaces on the inside, with the pulpit between. It had one door at the east end straight with the aisle between the two rows of seats. The women sat on the north side of the aisle and the men on the south side. This church house was built of seventeen great hewn logs donated by farmers. The room never had any ceiling or flooring overhead, so that the rafters and roofing remained in sight. The building was torn down in 1822, and the logs were used by Uncle Zachariah Barnes, the sexton, to build his house, where he lived the rest of his life. He died in 1863. Rev. James Round preached the first sermon in this church, and conducted the first funeral services

in the old graveyard—that of a boy named Daniel Davis—in 1808. He also performed the first marriage ceremony in the village—that of Robert Mills and Miss Patience Shaw. Mr. Round lived in Barnesville until 1834, when he moved to Sarahsville, then in Morgan county, where he settled a tanyard and lived many years. In 1852 I had a long conversation with Mr. Round. He was a small man, but well built, with dark complexion, dark eyes and hair; his hair was long and fell on his shoulders. He talked well. He died at Summertield in 1854. No one man did more for Methodism than this humble little tanner, as everybody can see by looking at Barnesville and its vicinity.

The membership of the Methodist Church increased so greatly that a larger place of worship became a necessity. So, in 1822, the old brick, which was torn down the past summer of 1898, to give place to the new Disciples' church, was erected. It was built by Charles Schur and Ezekiel Chapman of bricks moulded by the late William Piper. In its structure a fact should here be related. Right where the old church was put up there were two Indian mounds. These were found to be of pure clay and were made into bricks, and the old brick church and two or three other buildings were built of those bricks. In the center of those mounds there were heaps of ashes and charcoal. The bricks of the old brick church were sand-made, the first ever made in Barnesville. This church was the preaching place during the grandest epoch of Methodism in the town. Here as great men preached as ever illuminated that faith. Within its walls, eloquence, logic and learning, unexcelled anywhere, were expended to save the sinner and to cheer on the saint. Among those rever-

ends who there exerted their powers, greatest of all were Charles Waddell, orator without a rival, Edward Smith and Kinney, logicians of the highest order, the Revs. James Drummond, Dyton and Moffat, who blended the suave attractions of a Fenelon with the convincing sweep of a Tillotson. These were the only church houses in the town during this period.

HOTELS.

The first tavern in Barnesville was kept by Henry Barnes, a nephew of James Barnes. The second was opened and run by one Israel, on lot 49, and occupied the very ground on which the large part of the Albert House now stands. The third was the Alexander House, with the sign of a "black horse." That house is a part of the Ely block, on the corner of Main and Arch streets. One Ferrell was the next to start a tavern. He had a ship at full sail as his sign, but he failed to get a license and had to quit. John O. Parsons, the next in order, started the "Barnesville Hotel" in 1826, on lot 49. He continued the business to the end of this period. The "Mansion House," kept by William G. Shankland, was opened about the same time on lot 19. I could but mark the great difference between the signs of the two hotels. That of the Parson's house was a plain, unpretentious affair. The words "Barnesville Hotel" were painted in plain letters around the upper segment of a circle, while the words "John O. Parsons" were painted in same style of letters in the lower segment of a circle. The entire background was painted in white. That of the Shankland hotel was the most flashy hotel sign I ever saw. The words "Mansion House" were in gold leaf right across the center of the sign, while the words "William

G. Shankland", also in gold leaf, were painted on a separate piece. The background was dark blue sand. On the top of the main sign was the inevitable martin box, built like a dwelling house, with gay paints of several colors spread over it. And the martins fluttered and chirped about in pleasant style.

It may appear incredible, but it is a fact that nearly every dwelling house had a martin box, and the birds kept the streets dark by their shadows as they flew about.

All the wagoners stopped at the Parsons hotel, while the bon-tons and upper tendons stopped at the Shankland house. Both were excellent hotels, well kept, by perfect gentlemen. The John O. Parsons hotel site needs a special mention. Where the Albert House stands, there stood the Parsons hotel, a two-story log house, weather-boarded. The great brick was built in 1869, but the little brick was built for Parsons in 1833, by James Hare. Parsons sold out to John Reed. While Reed owned it, one John K. Norton ran the business. Reed sold it to Robert Mills, who conducted the business successfully for many years. At his death his sons ran it a year or two and then sold out to Marx Albert. While the Mills boys owned it, they began to erect the large brick, but it was not finished until Marx Albert did it.

NOTABLE AND PROFESSIONAL MEN.

Dr. Carolus Judkins, the first physician in Barnesville, was born in North Carolina, practiced medicine in Virginia, and from there he came here in 1810. He bought lot No. 42 and built a dwelling and office on the

same. This place was his residence during the rest of his life. For over a fourth of a century he was the leading physician in this part of the state. His practice for many years extended over an area of eight hundred square miles. He was one of the first two Abolitionists in the village. His death took place in 1854.

Hon. Thomas Shannon was born in Washington county, Pa., and came to Ohio in 1800, and with his father's family located in Warren township in 1802. Nearly his entire life was spent here. He was for many years a dry goods and leaf tobacco merchant, and was always an enterprising and public-spirited citizen. He represented Belmont county in both branches of the legislature for several terms. In 1826 he was elected to Congress from the Tenth District, for the short term of the 19th Congress. Mr. Shannon was the most popular man that ever lived in Belmont county—he was never defeated for an office. He died in 1843. His remains now rest in the Southern cemetery.

Hon. John Davenport was a native of Virginia, and in that state was superintendent of a woolen factory. Here he made the acquaintance of a weaver named John Gibson, who afterwards became his partner, and was one of our most prominent citizens in this period. Mr. Davenport came to Barnesville in 1818. In 1819 he opened a store here, and from that time until 1848, when he removed to Woodfield, he was engaged in that business and that of leaf tobacco, sometimes with partners and sometimes by himself. He filled important offices while here, in both state and church. Belmont county was represented by him in both branches of the legislature. In 1826 he was elected on the same ticket with Thomas Shannon to Congress, from the Tenth Ohio District. Mr.

Davenport was one of the associate judges in Belmont county for several years, and also in Monroe county for a year or two. His death occurred in 1855.

Dr. James Stanton, father of the war secretary, Edwin Stanton, came here in 1820, and formed a partnership with Dr. Carolus Judkins, but he left in a couple of years.

Dr. John C. Bennett, the third physician, located here in 1825, but soon went careening with Mormonism and a tomato pill, and was soon lost to view.

Dr. John G. Affleck came here about the same time. While here he practiced his profession and kept a store. He was awhile a partner with Bennett. He left the town in 1830.

Robert Mills, the first saddler in Barnesville, was a noble, but eccentric man. He was a man of great energy, and after he had become an invalid by rheumatism and had to go on crutches, he made long trips, soliciting custom for his saddlery business and for his tanyard. On one of those trips he had to cross Seneca creek on a high bridge. When he had got well on to the bridge his horse took fright, and Mr. Mills, in order to escape with his life, had to leap from the buggy. This he did just as the horse and buggy went off the bridge over into the water. The excitement cured Mr. Mills of the rheumatism, although it left him a cripple for life. Barnesville never had a better citizen and he died without an enemy, leaving quite a fortune to his family. There was a fact occurred to him that controverts the saying and belief that if a goose follows a person that person will die shortly. A goose followed him for several years, and if he went into a house the goose would wait until he came out again and then continue to follow him. But the

goose died in a few years, while Mr. Mills lived many years after the goose was dead. Of course there are facts that excuse and seem to prove the belief, but this fact tends strongly to prove the opposite to be true.

Mr. Kelion Hager was born in Fayette county, Pa., and when quite a young man came to Barnesville and worked as a journeyman cabinet maker with Archibald Cole, a relative. In 1821 he was married to a sister of the late Col. Mackall. When I came to Ohio in 1832, he was well beforehand. At one time he owned a large body of land north of town and was employed a long time in sheep raising. His wool clip at times was very large, as he had twelve or fifteen hundred head of sheep. He was also a dry goods merchant and handled leaf tobacco. Towards the last of his life he was employed in the manufacture of lamp oil at Newark, Ohio. Mr. Hager was a man of wonderful energy and push and moved everything right along. Nothing escaped his notice. But his fame rested on his skill as a fighter of fire. Long before I came to Barnesville he was the recognized fire-king of the town. Davenport & Gibson's store room on lot No. 52 and the long double log house on lot No. 51 stood end to end and were only about three feet apart. The store room was on fire, and Mr. Hager and Hon. Thomas Shannon, at the risk of their lives, saved both buildings. Mr. Hager seemed to see at a glance whether a house on fire could be saved or not. I once saw a house on fire. It was owned by Levin McCroba as a residence. It was the house which stands just west of Mr. Clarkson McKeever's residence. I was at my mother's on the east hill near the academy. The flames shot out great volumes of smoke and blaze that seemed to lick over the whole roof. I ran as fast as I could and got

there just as Mr. Hager appeared on the scene. He yelled out, "That house can be saved! This way, all of you men!" The men already gathered there had left the house to burn and were tearing away a lot of little frames that stood close by. The men came on the instant. Mr. Hager showed them where to throw the water, and in a few minutes the fire was extinguished. Mr. Hager was a little dictatorial and when he thought he was right was fearless in the expression of his opinion, no matter who opposed it. He was a tall, wiry-built man, of dark complexion, with dark brown eyes, and he always walked with great rapidity. No man that ever lived in the town ruled with greater power than he and he kept it in a stir while he lived. He worked until a few weeks before his death, planting fruit trees, pruning others, and grafting fine fruit into inferior stems. He died in his 85th year, respected by everybody.

ACCIDENTS AND FIRES.

At the raising of the old mill, in 1815, one Vernon, the grandfather of James V. and Robinson McLane, was killed by the falling of a bent of timbers at its northeast corner.

Soon after the old woolen factory was started, James R., a son of William G. Shankland, got caught in the belting and was instantly killed by being whirled over the drum. He was a grandson of James Barnes.

Two disastrous fires occurred in town before 1832. The first took place in May, 1826. The residence of Robert Mills and the hatter shop of Judkins & Thornburg and the residence of Thornburg were the buildings involved in the occurrence, and they were all consumed, except the residence of Thornburg, which was badly

scorched—the old log building that stood just east of the old Frasier House. The second was the store room of John Gibson, which stood at the Campbell corner, lot No. 52. That fire took place in the summer of 1827.

EDUCATION.

Barnesville, very early in her career, gave earnest attention to the education of her children. Before the establishment of our common school system in 1825, several schools had been taught in the village. The first school in the town was taught in an old house that stood at the northwest corner of Arch and South streets. The next room occupied as a school room was one arranged for that purpose by Mr. Archibald Cole, on the lot now occupied by the residence of Miss Celia Boyd. Those schools were all what were called “subscription schools.” Each person paid for his own children. In 1828 the Masons sold the lower story of their hall, which stood where the residence of Mrs. Dr. Mackall now stands, to the school directors. The first common school in the village was taught here by Judah Folke, in the years 1828-29. In 1829 the Masons desired to sell their hall, but as the school district owned the basement story, no purchaser could be found. Finally Mr. Kelion Hager prevailed upon the directors to also sell, he agreeing to give a lot and put up a school house in consideration of the lower story of the Masonic Hall being deeded to him by the directors. He proceeded at once to erect on a part of the present school ground a brick building forty by twenty feet as a school house.

SECOND PERIOD FROM 1832 TO 1852.

Barnesville in the twenty years between 1832 and

1852 progressed slowly but steadily, and although at the end of that time she had not doubled in population, her material development had not been great, and many failures in business had taken place during its passage, yet her lines of business had become more numerous and great accessions had been made in able business and professional gentlemen, while a splendid augmentation had been secured in educational institutions. So this may rightfully be called her intellectual period.

In 1833 Dr. Isaac Hoover located here in the midst of a terrific scourge of scarlet fever, and at once bounded to great eminence in his profession, and he maintained that position until he left the town in 1868. Early in 1834 the mercantile house of Hicks, Wooten & Co. failed. In the same year Bela Manahan and Francis E. Uncles became citizens here. Manahan opened a store at Heed's corner, and Uncles a large shoe-making shop on Main street. In the fall of 1834 the founder of the town extended its limits by an addition of territory. It included all of what is called "Calvert," and extended from Gardner street, at the same width with the original plot, to the now residence of David Sheldon on West Hill; also the north side of Church street from the old brick M. E. Church to Chestnut street, and the west side of Chestnut from Church street to the John Morrow residence, and the east side of Chestnut from Kelion Hager's lot to what is now Cherry street, and also the west side of Chestnut to where it is crossed by the B. & O. R. R. All the lots were quickly offered for sale and many of them sold.

MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT.

At the end of the second period dwellings had been

erected upon nearly all the lots of Barnes' addition, with several on the north side of South street and the south side of Church street. During this period a part of the old mill lot was laid off and sold, beginning at South street and ending with the William H. Folger property, forming a part of the east side of Chestnut street. On Main street, original plot, the following dwellings and business houses were erected in this period, generally in place of old structures: the frame on No. 1, the brick on No. 5, the frames on 9, 10, 11, a brick on 12, the west extension of brick on 13, the frames on 17, 18, the east extension of brick on 19, the frame on 25, the brick on 26, the frames on 30, the frame on 60, the brick on 59, the frames on 58, 56, 55, 54, 51; a frame on 50—torn down by Gamenthaler, the old brick on 49, the store room of Hilles on 48, the store room on 47, the brick and frame on 33, the frame on the west side of 42, the frames on 41, 40, 39, 37, 36, and the old academy building.

MECHANICAL AND OTHER INDUSTRIES.

For the better understanding of the changes of trades and the progress of business during this period, it would be well for the reader to keep in mind what the town was in the first period.

In 1833 Aduddell retired from business, and Francis continued at the old stand until 1840, when he removed to where Irwin Kinney now lives. He remained there for the rest of his life. In 1836 Dawson quit blacksmithing and William R. Moore became his successor at the old stand, but in a few years he removed to the southwest corner of South and Chestnut streets where he staid until he died. Elijah Weir for several years carried on a blacksmith shop on Chestnut street. John

Kelley, a blacksmith, in 1841 started a shop on lot No. 10, and continued it until 1850, when he left for St. Clairsville, having been elected Treasurer in 1849. Mr. Yearsley Jones, a cooper, started a general manufacturing establishment for all kinds of tubs, churns, buckets, barrels, etc., at the northeast corner of Chestnut and South streets in the year 1837, and ran it for about ten years. It was never a success. His son who worked in his shop afterwards studied medicine and became quite an influential physician in Harrison and Belmont counties. He got up some fine patent medicines which took with the people and proved to be very good medicine for what it was intended. About the year 1836 Richard Mahana opened a wagon-maker shop here and continued it until the end of his life. Isaac Perry about the year 1845 opened a shop for the making of wagons, plows, and farm utensils, and has continued the same to the present. Jesse Ball, a tailor, began business here about 1836. He remained at the business during life. William McK. Brown, Henry R. Brown, Francis E. Adams, E. D. Barnes and David Gressinger, also tailors, carried on shops during this period. In 1837 Rev. John N. Hunt with his family settled here. For many years he operated a large tailor's establishment in the village, and at the same time did great service in spreading the gospel as interpreted by the Disciples. About the year 1836 Nathaniel Vollentine, as successor of William G. Shankland, opened a tinner's shop near Heed's corner. He afterwards transferred it to the old brick next below the Stephen's residence on Chestnut street, and which is now the residence of Mr. Frank Damsel. He remained there until 1843, when he sold to Perry Nichols, who continued the business until 1847,

when he removed to Senecaville. In 1843 John Cole opened a tinner's shop on lot No. 24, and carried on the business for a good many years. He was succeeded by his son Charles, who ran that business until a few years ago, when he went into the queensware trade. He sold out that business recently and is now employed as a traveling salesman for a large wholesale establishment. John Morrison, James Armstrong, Joseph Askew, and Eli Mooney, as saddle and harness makers, had shops here. About the year 1841 Mr. Stephen Wilson began that business here, and for many years, with a short interval at Cadiz, he continued here, and a little before the war of the rebellion removed to Summerfield. The same business was started by Nathan Patterson about the year 1847, and was continued by him here until he entered upon the business of leather merchant. Crapper H. Laws carried on a hatter's shop on lot No. 27, from about the year 1838 to the end of this period. The brothers, Asbury and Wesley Gardner, having succeeded to the business of their father, continued the shoemaker's trade at the old stand, lot 23, until about 1841, when Asbury left the town and Wesley went into the grocery business. In 1845 William Reed came to Barnesville, and continued business here until his death. He began here as a shoemaker. He soon started an extensive boot and shoe manufactory, giving work to many hands for many years. He then opened a shoe store, and soon added to that the business of tobacco merchant. He put up more dwelling houses and business places than any other two citizens of the town. William T. Meek succeeded Kincade as chair-maker, and from about 1837 to 1851, with slight interruption, carried on that trade here. David Riley carried on a cabinet maker's busi-

ness here from 1842 to 1852, when he went to California. In 1843 Hiram Hibbard began the same business here on lot No. 25, and continued it in connection with undertaking—which he began in 1845—to his death. During this period William Stubbs, Holton and several other persons as shoemakers had shops here. The only silversmiths here in this period were one David Allen, who carried on that business from 1847 to 1851, at the little frame, which was moved to give place to the Gamenthaler building, and Jesse White who had a shop on lot No. 39. From 1842 to 1850 Handel Vance carried on the wagon-making business here.

OTHER INDUSTRIES.

In 1836 Thomas Moore, an old factory man, and George Dawson erected a woolen factory and ran it several years; then sold out to Daniel Williams. He in turn sold out to Jonathan Capstack, he to Barlow & Hogue, in whose hands it perished as a woolen factory. It is now the printing establishment of the Hanlon Brothers. In 1847 Francis E. Uncles and Edia Ramsey sunk a tanyard at the corner of South street and Reed's row. It was continued until about the year 1854, when it was abandoned and the vats filled up.

The first cigar factory here, and the only one in this period, was started in the winter of 1838-9, by Jesse Judkins, father of Dr. J. A. Judkins, and a cigar maker from Wheeling. It was carried on in a little frame building that stood lengthwise the street on Calvert Hill, on the lot now occupied by James McConnell. Judkins furnished the capital and the Wheeling man and his boys made the cigars. They made only the "common," now called the "stogy" cigar—all others then

were called Spanish. The Wheeling Common was made of much better tobacco, so their cigars could find no good market. The Wheeling man slipped away, leaving Judkins in the lurch, and the factory went down. Kelion Hager, Jesse Judkins, Henry T. Barnes and Allen Barnes were tobacco merchants during this period.

MERCANTILE AND OTHER LINES OF TRADE.

Col. Benjamin Mackall became a partner of his father, with a half interest in the goods, in 1833. In 1835, at the death of his father, he became sole owner. In 1836 he sold a half interest to Thomas Shannon, and business was continued by them at the old stand, lot No. 22, until 1840, when the Colonel retired. Shannon became sole owner. Joseph Fry and one Gilliland became partners, and the store continued until the death of Shannon in 1843. Fry, in 1843, removed his store to Campbell's corner, and there he ran a large business until 1846, when he overreached himself in leaf tobacco and failed.

In 1837 the Davenports—John the father, Coulson and Benjamin, the sons, having built their brick store room on lot No. 48—the Hilles room—withdrew from Gibson and opened a splendid assortment of goods at their new room. The Davenport Brothers continued this establishment, sometimes with partners, sometimes by themselves, until they quit business about 1865. Dove and Taneyhill bought out Bela Manahan, and adding a new stock, opened a store at the Manahan room, now Heed's corner. They soon failed, then sold back to Manahan. In 1839, '40, '41 the brothers, William and Frederick Lamping, carried on the mercantile business at this place—William at the Campbell corner and Fred-

erick at the Manahan room. William dealt in leaf tobacco, and in 1840 suffered great loss by the burning of the double barn of John Gibson. He lost forty thousand pounds of tobacco without insurance.

Happer & Hodgkin opened a store on lot No. 41 in 1841. They conducted it successfully until they sold to R. E. Frasier about 1846. Frasier soon moved goods and building to lot No. 47, where he continued until he began his hotel. Jesse Cowgill was a partner of Happer & Hodgkin a few years, and John White, Esq., for a year or two was a partner of R. E. Frasier. Happer & Hodgkin handled leaf tobacco in a barn on South street, right back of their store.

Colonel Benjamin Mackall resumed business in dry goods in 1843, and continued the same until he sold to Henry R. Brown in 1852. Mackall's place of business was the one that Shaffer, the baker, now owns.

In 1841 the firm of Barnes & Sons failed. John Bradfield, then a young man, bought their goods and began his career as a merchant. During his business life, he carried on a large mercantile business, bought immense quantities of leaf tobacco and wool. He was one of the best business men in Eastern Ohio. He was succeeded by his sons, Messrs. T. & J. Bradfield, who are excellent business men and conduct one of the finest establishments in the state. Mr. Bradfield died in October, 1896.

As the Campbell corner, the old Mackall store room and the late Frasier House were the other three leading business places during the whole history of Barnesville, they will be disposed of here. After Joseph Fry the following firms and persons conducted business at the Campbell corner, in the order named:—Tipton & Hare,

Menander Mott, Isaac Hockheimer, James R. Hunt & Brother, Chaney & Hunt, and the Campbell Brothers, who are still there. After William Green retired from the Frasier House, there followed Noah Calhoun, with dry goods, and Henry F. Odell with drugs and groceries. The house then became a hotel—about 1853, with Bela Alexander as proprietor, then Isaac Deems, John Reed, and John H. Piper ran the hotel in the order named. Piper and Frasier exchanged property about the year 1858, and after that the house was run by R. E. Frasier & Son. After Fry left the old Mackall room, business was carried on at it by the following persons and firms and as named: Isaac Hockheimer, Tipton & Hare (drug store), Henry R. Brown, Thomas Chambers (groceries), Thomas Brock, William Brown (groceries), the Shonfield Brothers, Samuel Oppenheimer, Jacob Oppenheimer and Victorious, all clothiers.

The first shoe store in town was opened by Nathaniel Vollentine in 1834, in the brick below the Stephen's residence. To that line in 1845 he added dry goods and groceries, and entered upon the business of tobacco merchant. The collapse of that business in 1846 nearly made him bankrupt. Having become the owner of the Hill building, which was burnt down in the fire of 1895, he, in 1848, gave up the business of merchant and opened a hotel. He ran this hotel until he went west in 1854. This hotel and the Parsons and Shankland houses were all the public houses here during this period.

The first drug store in the town was opened by Lewis H. Green, in 1835, at the little old brick next south of Stephen's residence on Chestnut street. In 1836 he transferred it to the frame part of the old Shankland house, and the next year he removed it to St.

Clairsville. The next drug store was that of Jesse and N. Judkins, kept on lot No. 42. Dry goods were also kept by them in connection with the drugs. This business was started in 1842, and profitably run for several years. The next two drug stores were those run by Mr. Mott and Dr. Wm. H. Folger. Mott's was kept at the old Manahan room, Heed's corner, was begun in 1848, and continued for about twelve years. Dr. Folger's was in an old frame building on the site of what is Reed & Fisher's saddlery store, and was begun in 1848, and was carried on until 1853.

The grocery business was a failure here as a distinct line of trade, until 1835, although William George, Robert Claudy, John Hyatt, and several others made the effort. But in 1835 William Poole opened a grocery on lot No. 54, and made it a success until his death three years after. About 1841 William H. Gardner and Wesley Gardner each opened a grocery. Wesley continued his until his death in 1874. Everybody remembers Wes Gardner's grocery at the old stand on lot No. 23. William H. began his where Poole carried on, but he soon made so much money, that he erected, in 1846, the McKeever and Kinney buildings, (which were destroyed by fire in 1895) on lot No. 18, and soon launched out into the dry goods business, which he successfully carried on until about 1855, when he went west. John Brown in 1843 opened a grocery, which he continued until his death. John Kidwiler, Jesse Wier, E. D. Barnes and several others also had groceries during that time.

CHURCHES.

The Disciples in 1842 erected a nice little brick church on Calvert Hill, West South street. It would

seat about three hundred persons. The pulpit stood between the two doors of entrance at the south end. Here, in the winter of 1848, Bishop John Purcell, of the Catholic church, preached a sermon. It was a night service and the house was crowded. His subject was "Christian Forbearance," and he handled it only as a master can. It was one grand array of learning, gems of attractive and elevated thoughts, with bursts of eloquence that brought the audience to tears, and the people went away saying that if that be Rome, then God bless Rome. This house was torn down in 1857. The old brick of the Methodists and this church were the only places of worship in the town during this period.

HOUSES OF EDUCATION.

In 1838, a small frame building, called the "Female Seminary," was erected on the lot at the southeast corner of Chestnut and Cherry streets. At this seminary several school sessions were taught, but from lack of patronage, it was sold in 1847 to John Francis, who turned the same into a lumber room.

In 1839-40, the academy on East hill—lot No. 33—was built. The first academic term therein was of fourteen weeks length and was begun in December, 1842, Merrill and Johnson, professors. It amounted to but little as a place of learning until John I. Thompson, in 1853, became the leading professor, when it became somewhat noted. After the death of Thompson, it declined rapidly and was finally sold to Friendship Lodge F. A. M., and was used as a lodge room by that society, until 1890, when they erected a fine building on Main street. The old academy since then has been occupied as a tenement house. Notwithstanding the failure of

the academy as a place of learning, still it is the Alma Mater of two United States District Judges, and many others who have lived successful lives.

ACCIDENTS AND FIRES.

A boy named Sills, who worked for Daniel Williams at his woolen factory, was killed in 1846. He got entangled in the belting of the fulling stocks and was carried around the shaft several times. He died the same day.

In 1847 the residence of Dr. William H. Folger and the building adjoining, owned by John Delong, of Guernsey county, were burnt up entirely. Those houses were on Calvert Hill, West Main street, south side.

NOTABLE AND PROFESSIONAL MEN.

William S. Taneyhill, the first lawyer, came to the town in the fall of 1835. He remained here until the spring of 1837, when he removed to Millersburg, Holmes county.

About the year 1835 Dr. Nicholas Judkins, having finished his studies with his father, entered upon the practice of his profession here and had eminent success. In 1843 he abandoned the practice altogether.

In 1836 Dr. John Walker, a Thomsonian physician, located at this place, residence and office on lot 60. At first he had a large practice, coming to him out of the practice of Dr. Charles Waddell, but it soon ran down and he left the town in 1843.

Dr. Ephraim Williams located here in 1837 and began his career. With what success he spent his life everybody knows.

In the winter of 1838-9, John Davenport, our second

lawyer, with his family settled here. He was a great lawyer, and his learning was almost boundless in variety. In character he was honorable and plain spoken and a polished gentleman of the "old school." With his sociability and power of talk, he controlled the people as with a charm. He died in 1861, leaving a greater mark on Barnesville than that made by any other citizen who has lived within her limits.

Dr. John Stotler, a physician of the Thomsonian school, located here in 1845. He never had much practice and left the town about 1855.

Dr. John T. Mackall, who had studied with Dr. Hoover, began the practice of his profession in 1839. His worth as a man and his skill as a physician soon secured for him a lucrative business, and it so continued while he lived. The doctor during life was an ornament to the town and a blessing to the community. He died in 1875, respected by everybody, and was succeeded by his son, Dr. B. H. Mackall.

In this period flourished Dr. J. W. Warfield, who was one of our best physicians, and noted as a kind hearted man. He went into the army as a surgeon and died here afterwards.

Dr. Wm. Hare was also about this time a well known physician.

In the winter of 1845 Dr. Isaac Parker located here and soon had a good practice. His health was never good and that fact, added to his natural disgust for his profession, made him abandon it in 1860. He died about 1868.

In 1842 a tall, awkward looking boy, with large head, curly sandy hair and prominent blue eyes, became an apprentice to John Kelley. He faithfully served out

his time, during which he ironed wagons and attended the Merrill and Johnson term at the academy. After finishing his trade he studied law and then went to Oregon, where for over forty years he was a United States District Judge. That boy was the Hon. Matthew P. Deady. He resided at Portland until his death, which occurred several years ago. Mr. Deady was a judge of rare powers, and had a breadth and diversity of legal learning which was truly astonishing. Some of his decisions have had results as great as ever came out of those of any court.

Rev. John N. Hunt was the main-stay of the Disciples' Church at this place for years. He was the father of our townsmen, Messrs. Charles, Flick and Irwin Hunt, worthy sons of a noble father. He was a useful citizen and by his courtly manners did much to rub off the corners of our pioneer roughness.

DR. CHARLES WADDELL AND BISHOP ANDREWS.

In the year 1835 the Rev. Dr. Charles Waddell made his advent here as a local preacher and Thompsonian physician. As a preacher of Methodism he was an astonishment. As an orator he was the equal of Whitefield, and as a reasoner he was Websterian. When he struck a salient point of the walls of Satan, it was with the force and results of a spiritual earthquake. Not one stone was left upon another. He was the great grandson of the "blind preacher," made immortal by Wirt in the "British Spy." As a physician he made some wonderful cures and took the community by storm. Dr. Waddell was a tall, wiry-built man and wore his hair long. He never had his equal as an exhorter at Barnesville.

In the same year came the Right Rev. Andrews, bishop of the M. E. Church. It was this bishop who "happened to hold" a few slaves in the "right of his wife," and who from that fact was made the means of separation that in 1844 divided the M. E. Church into Church North and Church South. It was in fact the entering wedge to the War of the Rebellion, for, if that church had remained a unit, it would have been a strong band to hold the states together.

A QUEER CHARACTER—SAMMY WILLIAMS.

A notable character of the town, and one that flourished about this period, was Sammy Williams, a colored man. He was an old slave and came to the town in the year 1847, with his wife and many children, and at once became a terror to the people of the town. The officers were afraid of him, but finally he was arrested and had a trial, but as nothing was found against him, he was released. After that he started forth as a preacher, but failed at that, and for several years he lived quietly and peacefully. Then his wife died and his children one by one left him. Then, becoming tired of the monotony of his life, he launched forth as a stump speaker and an auctioneer. His speeches included the cream of the town gossip and his wares embraced everything from a broken crock to a wasted hand-bill. At first he attracted much attention, but the people got tired of Sammy and passed him without heed. The boys pelted him with stones. It mattered little to Sammy whether any one listened to him or not, he kept right on with his talk, ending each speech with the letters W. R. N. T. When he began his stump-speaking he said he was eighty-three years old, and from that time to his death, when he was

asked how old he was, he would answer, "Just eighty-three." He grew older in spite of that, and one bitter cold night he was frozen so badly that he died in a few days.

MERRY-GO-ROUND.

The first merry-go-round that ever visited Barnesville came in the summer of 1835 and was planted near the north end of lot No. 15—its south end is where the millinery store room of Mr. Hill is located. A very large canvas tent was erected to protect the furniture of the concern. They made perfectly level a place on which they put a broad thin iron platform, with a hole at its center to receive the turning post. The turning post was of wood and about fifteen inches in diameter and turned very glibly. There were four arms that projected out from the post, at the end of which was a neat wooden horse, saddled and bridled, and was gaily caparisoned. The motive power was by hand, holding to pins fixed in the arms. The horses were moved swiftly or slowly just as the riders wished. The concern remained in town about two weeks—making money all the time—and went away several hundred dollars better off than when it came.

THE FIRST BAND.

The first band at Barnesville was formed in 1836. William T. Meek was the leader and he is the only member now living. In 1844 two other bands were formed—a Democratic band and a Whig band. The members of these bands are all dead, except William Hager, Isaac Shankland and R. H. Taneyhill of the Whig, and William T. Meek and Ezekiel Mills of the Democratic. Will-

iam W. Laws was the leader of the Whig, and William T. Meek was the leader of the Democratic.

SIAMESE TWINS.

In the summer of 1834 the Siamese Twins, Chang and Shem, gave two exhibitions of themselves in the then brick part of the Shankland Hotel. They were neatly built men of medium height, and were in good health and active. They could readily leap over fences and other obstacles and ascend stair-ways with agility. They wore black broadcloth coat and pants, white vests, and wore turbans for head-gear. They had darker complexions than the common Chinese. Their eyes and hair were black, their hair was worn long and falling on the shoulders. They were connected by a strip made up of flesh and cartilage. They also sold a little pamphlet giving a history of their lives, and it sold well, a great many copies of it were sold. They were very intelligent gentlemen and well behaved. A good joke was enjoyed by them hugely. By their appearance I should think they were about twenty-five years old. Afterwards, and after they had made a tour of Europe and the United States, and having made a fortune, they settled in the State of North Carolina. There they married two sisters slightly tinged with African, and each raised a good sized family. Chang died and Shem died about two hours after, but he died by sheer nervous exhaustion brought on by Chang's sickness and death. Their descendants are scattered all over the Union.

SUGAR-BEET CULTURE.

James Gibson, a wealthy merchant of Barnesville, in 1838 tried the cultivation of the sugar-beet. He planted

all of the lot on which the now residence of F. W. Hibbard stands, which was at that time vacant, making about three-fourths of an acre planted in beets. The plants grew well and large. Some nice sugar was obtained from them, but Mr. Gibson gave up the business after the first trial.

SILK CULTURE.

In the same year—1838—Mr. Gibson made an effort to manufacture silk. His cocoonery was in the house now used by the Campbell brothers as a room for their shoe store, southeast corner of Main and Chestnut streets. He had a good many worms and made some good silk, but it all cost more than it returned, so Mr. Gibson gave up the enterprise. I saw the worms and saw them roll up the cocoons. I also saw the workmen spin off the threads from the cocoons. The worm at full growth is about three inches long and of a dull lead color with a few bristles on it, and they are as big around as a caterpillar. The moth is about two inches from tip to tip of its wings. Mr. Gibson's effort at silk culture caused almost a craze among our people. Mulberry leaves had to be had and so the country far and near was planted down in mulberry orchards and the streets were decked with the white mulberry, so making use and beauty help to ornament and shade the sidewalks. The trees on the streets have been destroyed long ago, but some old orchards are still to be seen.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

If Christmas was gay and festive, the 4th of July was extravagantly heroic. Cannon, guns and loaded anvils were fired, bonfires burned, liberty poles raised, decked

with flags, speeches made and a carousal of hurrahs rent the air the live long day. There were then no other holidays kept at Barnesville.

For a great many years Fairview was in advance of Barnesville. She had two very fine stores kept there then, one by Mathew Scott and the other by the Rosemans; to these our people went to buy their finery. Our mails were brought to us from there once a week, then twice a week. We did not have a daily mail until 1848. It was the upper tendom that went to Fairview, as it was then about as grand as Wheeling to go to. She had the great National Road and that gave her that position.

But when the railroad was built Fairview sank to insignificance and Barnesville became to her as she had been to Barnesville. While we were getting our mail from Fairview a change was made to Morristown, but it was only for a short time, as it did not suit our people, so delivery was again had at Fairview. Fairview has held her own remarkably well, considering the adverse circumstances with which she has had to encounter.

LAST PERIOD -- FROM 1852 TO THE PRESENT.

MECHANICS.

John Francis, Wm. R. Moore, Crosier & Ward, Wm. Cline, Crosier & Hall, Moore & Hall, Joseph Capstack, John McDonald, J. P. Cox, James Sproat, Frank Moore, George Hall, and John Seals have had or have blacksmith shops here during this period.

Emanuel Nace, Irwin Hunt, Thomas Bannister, William Nace, Nace & McGaw, E. S. Sargent, John Reed, John Scrivener, Homer Barnes, William Bowen, Mr. Reimenschneider, W. H. Brown and others have had or

have shoemakers' shops here during this period.

Saddle and harness makers here during this period, in addition to those already mentioned, were the late R. M. Gunning, Abe Kelley and S. S. Foreman. Those in the town at present are Eli Mooney, Reed & Fisher, and T. S. Fowler & Co.

Timmers of this period were one Burgess, Eli Kennard, Henley Palmer, William Janeway, George Janeway, Carr & Outland, Spaulding, C. M. Cole and T. J. Carr. Those now are J. W. Doudna and Mr. Smith.

MERCHANT TAILORS.

As early as 1843 Jesse Ball made the venture at the merchant tailoring business. He had poor success. The next in order of time was David Smeaton, who had great success. Then came the following persons and firms in succession as named: Coulson and Benjamin Davenport, Hibbard & Morrow, Hibbard & Dent, Jonathan Thornberry, Nathan Bundy, W. H. Anderson, Washington Thornberry, Frank Hunt and G. E. Hunt, the late Mr. O'Donnell, Worthington & Winiesdoffer, Mr. Wolfe and his son, Edward Wolfe. The firms who carry on the business at present are Williams Brothers, Robert Hunt, Paul Worthington, and Charles Hunt.

OTHER INDUSTRIES.

In 1853 William R. Moore erected a mill for the grinding of hominy on the lot at the southwest corner of South and Chestnut streets. He ran the mill until the War of the Rebellion called him to the army. Mr. Moore in 1854 located a steam saw mill close to the place where the grist mill of S. C. Hilles & Brother now stands. He ran it several years and then sold it. After passing

through several hands, the mill was bought by the Hilles Brothers, who operated it until about 1868, when it was abandoned and the frame work incorporated with their grist mill.

In 1855-6 Jesse White erected the now Hilles grist mill, and after running it a year or two sold out to the Hilles Brothers. These gentlemen ran it together until the death of S. C. Hilles. Since that time it has been operated by William Hilles and his sons, under the old firm name of S. C. Hilles & Brother.

Many years ago a tanyard was sunk just south of the Rogers planing mill on Reed's row. It was run several years, then became the property of William Reed, who, with John Albrecht, ran it until 1890, when it was consumed by fire.

A threshing machine factory was built in 1858 by Henry Norris, at the southeast corner of South street and Reed's row, right where the old A. M. E. Church stood. Mr. Norris ran this factory until his death, about the year 1863.

The first planing mill in the town was that of Henry McCartney, and it occupied the east end of the old grist mill of James Barnes and was set up about 1867. It was destroyed by fire with the old mill in 1870.

The next planing mill was that of Davis & Stanton, and was erected in 1838-9 on the north of lot No. 85. It was run a short time, then Stanton sold out to Davis. The Davis & Starbuck planing mill having been erected, the machinery was removed to it. The mill of Davis & Starbuck was carried on successfully until it blew up July 17, 1878. After the destruction of that mill, Charles Kugler started a planing mill, which he ran successfully many years. It is at the present time operated by the

firm of Hague & Woodward. Hague & Thomas also ran a planing mill with their other business many years ago. In 1880 Rogers Brothers erected their planing mill a little to the south of the Davis & Starbuck mill. To this they attached a saw mill, and are at present operating both mills.

In 1881 Carter, Beardmore & Wisener built a large flouring mill on lots 62-4. It was run for a year or two by that firm, then became the property of John Wisener. It next passed into the hands of Mr. Bonnell. On the 14th of February, 1894, this mill was entirely consumed by fire. It was replaced by another, the frame of which was built by Mr. Bonnell, but was finished by W. H. Bentley and E. E. McKeever. Mr. McKeever died in 1897, and Mr. Bentley in 1898. The mill then went into the hands of their widows, who leased it to R. G. Hogue, who is running it at the present time.

The first carriage factory in town was built by the Frame Bros. & Loyd, at the southwest corner of Arch and Church streets, in 1872. In 1876 it was connected with the coffin manufactory. The next was that of Charles Little in 1876. He carried on his business in the old building of the Frame Brothers, until the summer of 1896, when the building was destroyed by fire. Mr. Little erected a new building soon after this on Chestnut street, and is still in the business.

FOUNDRIES.

In 1862 Joseph Watt started a foundry on a very small scale, but it gradually grew into the extensive one of J. H. Watt & Co. In 1868 Lewis, McKeown & Crozier started a foundry at the southeast corner of South street and Broadway, in the old hominy mill of W. R. Moore.

This foundry was transferred to a new shop on lot No 86. After changing hands several times, it became the property of Allen Alexander, who ran it some time longer and then he sold out to J. H. Watt & Bros., so this foundry became extinct. The Watt foundry was situated on Church street on the lots now occupied by the opera house of Eli Moore, and underwent many additions to size as the trade increased. The company began the manufacture of a patent self-oiling car wheel, which necessitated the enlargement of the concern. So, in the years 1890-91, a large manufactory was erected in the northeast part of the town, and the company incorporated under the name of The Watt Mining Car Wheel Company.

RECENT INDUSTRIES.

The Buckeye Novelty Works, situated on Laws avenue was established in 1890, and incorporated in 1891. All kinds of sign printing is done by this company.

In 1891 Amos Barlow and his son William became the owners of the once Frame Brothers old establishment, on a lot just back of Reed's Row, and at once fitted it up for the manufacture of berry boxes and peach baskets. It is still run by the same firm—Barlow & Son.

The box factory of Elmer Hutchinson was started by Tobe Heizer. It was next operated by James Renner, then by the late Vinton Shipley, who ran it about a month. On March 1, 1892, it went into the hands of the Talbott brothers and H. Campbell, and finally, on January 1, 1895, into the possession of Mr. Hutchinson, who continues the business. Mr. Hutchinson was also a partner with the Talbott Brothers.

In 1893 a canning factory was built in Barnesville, on South Chestnut street. At the first tomatoes were the only article put up. At present the factory puts out on the market all kinds of fruit-batters, ketchup, baked beans, mustard, and canned goods.

In the summer of 1897, the old woolen factory which was for many years owned and run by George Atkinson, was purchased by a company of our business men and incorporated under the name of The Bush Hosiery Manufactory. New machinery was put in and operations at once began. The company employs a large number of persons.

LAUNDRIES.

The laundry business in Barnesville was first started by one Harper, a young colored man. Reg Jeffrey ran a laundry in a building back of his residence on South Broadway. The next was run by one Dickison in a building on Church street. The place of business was finally located in the old building that formerly had been the old church tabernacle, and which had been moved to a lot back of South Broadway. The business then passed into the control of Amos Albert, who ran it successfully for a time, then sold out to the Heizer Brothers, who had it for a year or so, then it went back into Albert's hands. E. F. Doudna became the next proprietor of the concern, and he ran it until April, 1897, when the business passed into the possession of the present owners, the Futhey Brothers, who conducted the same at the old plant until the summer of 1898, when they erected a brick building on South Chestnut street, and moved the business to the new establishment.

The Chinese laundry has also flourished in this

period of the town's history, the first one being run here some ten or twelve years ago. Then after some time came Jim Long, who conducted that business here for two or three years. The present Chinese laundryman is Song Sing.

FURNITURE BUSINESS.

The persons and firms that have had furniture stores here during this period were, Hiram Hibbard, who was the first, Frank Hibbard, Harvey Colvig, O. Hunt, Loper & Colvig, Loper & Son, and Captain Shepherd. Hiram Hibbard ran the undertaking business in connection with his furniture. The present furniture firms are F. W. Hibbard, Harvey Colvig, and Emerson & Osler. These firms all run the undertaking along with the other business.

LEATHER BUSINESS.

The leather business was begun here in 1859 by Nathan Patterson on lot No. 11. Patterson ran the business at great profit until 1870, when he sold out to Buchanan & Moore. The business next passed into the hands of Mr. Moore, who ran it very successfully until a few years ago, when he sold out.

SHOE STORES.

The first shoe store of this period was that of Howard & Rowles in 1856. Then in order came the following persons and firms: William Reed, William Sawhill, McGinnis & Sharp, T. A. Gratigny, Gratigny & Evans, one Madden, Mahlon T. Fawcett, Robert Happer, James Maring, Thomas Bannister, Gratigny & Judkins, J. A. Moore, Campbell Bros., Hobbs & Cassells, Miller & Cassells, and the late Jacob Heed. The persons and

firms engaged in the business at present are J. W. Judkins, McVey & Cassells, Hobbs & Warrick, and the Campbell Brothers.

WHOLESALE GROCERIES.

The first distinct wholesale grocery here was started by David McCartney in the year 1854, in the old brick ware house now used by the Rogers Bros. in connection with their planing mill. He ran this grocery until the War of the Rebellion. The next was started in 1868, by John Davis and H. Vance, at the southwest corner of Arch and Main streets. Vance sold out his interest to Francis Davis, and the goods moved to lot No. 47, and continued there under the name of F. Davis & Co. In 1870 J. M. Lewis & Co. succeeded and finally Mr. Lewis became sole owner. He ran it several years, but a depression of trade coming on he went out of the business. At present there is no wholesale grocery in the town.

SILVERSMITHS.

The principal silversmiths here in this period have been Robinson McLane, Burton, Rudolph Gamenthaler, John Stephens, Jr., B. Q. Quest, James Wells, and Elmer McKeever. The persons engaged in that business at the present time are Rudolph Gamenthaler and E. B. Stevenson. Mr. Stevenson was for a long time a partner with E. E. McKeever, when the business was run under the name of McKeever & Stevenson.

MARBLE WORKS.

This business since 1852 has been carried on by Jonathan Evans, Thomas Colpitts, Richard Cunard, Wall Evans, C. & J. Chase and the Colpitt Brothers. The only works of this kind in the town at the present is

that of Colpitts & Boswell, on South Chestnut street.

PHOTOGRAPHERS.

The principal artists of this class have been G. M. Aduddell, Handel Vance, William H. Barnes, and Stewart. The present photographers are W. H. Baker and Mr. Barnes.

HARDWARE.

The first hardware store in the town was started in the year 1865, by James Jeffery, a Canadian, in the old John Sunderland store room, where Irwin Hunt now has his shoe shop. He removed to the room now occupied by the Rogers Brothers, on lot No. 52. He sold to Charles Lloyd, and he to T. & A. Rogers, who still continue the business. The next effort at hardware was that by the firm of Wiley & Wright, in the Ely block, about 1870. They sold to John McCollin. When he quit the business, the stock was sold to John McKeever & Son, who were succeeded by the present firm of I. D. & C. H. McKeever. The present stores of this kind are the two above named and that of J. W. Doudna.

DRY GOODS MERCHANTS.

The dry goods merchants of this period have been as follows: Horkheimer & Eisman, Joseph Eisman, Sunderland & Hogue, Eisman & Fred. Hager & Bentz, Henry R. Brown, J. W. Frasier & Son, H. F. Odell, L. L. Fred, Hanlon & Hogue, S. B. & R. H. Piper, Simon Horkheimer, Patrick Lochary, Bailey & Barnes, J. R. Hunt & Bros., William A. Talbott, William Asbury, Wm. H. Dement, Taylor, Creighton, Wilson & Co., Brown & McKeever, Mead, Hogue & Co., R. H. Piper, John Wisener.

T. T. Hanlon, McKeever & Son, Judkins & Talbott, Gus & Charles Talbott, Washington Thornberry, Chaney & Hunt, G. E. Hunt & Co., David Shepherd, Geo. E. Hunt, John Bradfield, Julia Judkins, Samuel Nace & Son. The present firms in that business are T. & J. Bradfield, J. S. Harrison, who succeeded Samuel Nace & Son., and G. E. Hunt. R. H. Piper carries on a retail notion store in his building at the corner of Main and Arch streets.

DRUG STORES.

The drug stores of this period were conducted by the following persons and firms: In 1854 Dr. James Warfield bought out Henry F. Odell. Then Warfield sold to Dr. Carolus Judkins in 1856, who continued the business to his death. William T. Harlan then took charge of the business in the name of Harlan & Judkins, and he ran it for about ten years. At the end of the time the drugs passed to Thomas Judkins and then the goods were sold to Dr. G. S. Wellons and E. V. Shipley, who ran it for a few months, then they sold out to R. M. Gunning, who sold to Dr. A. Pullin, who ran the business until he left Barnesville. Dr. Wellons was for a long time in the drug store of Mr. Warfield, but was succeeded by Mr. Eaton. He gave his attention to the practice of medicine until the year 1887, when he opened out a line of drugs in the Adams building on Main street. He removed from there to his own room across the street, and continued the business until 1894, when he sold out entirely to I. R. Lane. Mr. Lane continued the trade at the old stand until January, 1895, when the entire stock was destroyed by fire. Peter Giffen had recently started a drug store here, and he and Mr. Lane had formed a partnership some time before the fire, but

had not yet moved their stock together. They then conducted the business in the room occupied by Mr. Giffen, and continued it under the name of Giffen & Lane, when in a short time Lane sold out his share to Mr. Hornbrook, and the business continued under the name of Giffen & Hornbrook, until the present firm took possession. Mr. Giffen along with the drug business carried on the manufacture of a fine grade of baking powder, which found a ready market. In the spring of 1896 Dr. Wellons erected a new building on the site of the one that was destroyed in the fire of 1895, and opened out a new drug store, which he is at present running.

After the old stock of drugs had passed to Thomas Judkins from Harlan, Harlan opened a new store at the old stand on lot 48, and is now owned by Geo. E. Hilles. Mr. Warfield in 1858 opened another drug store, and shortly after Robert Hodgkin became his partner. They sold out to Odell & Ball, who in turn sold to Ely & Plumly. When Plumly retired, Ely went to the corner where he now is. Dr. G. W. Githens opened a drug store here, and James Ferguson soon became his partner. They sold to Hoover, Williams & Eaton. Dr. Hoover sold his share to Dr. J. A. Judkins, when the firm became that of Williams, Eaton & Judkins. This firm sold out to Plumly & Ellison. Ellison sold his share to Plumly, and Plumly at the end of ten years sold out and retired from business. About the year 1872, H. Griffin opened a drug store on Chestnut street, with Hamilton Eaton as its director, and in a short time Eaton bought Griffin's share, and continued the business until 1878, when he sold out the entire stock. A drug store was started by Frank Lyles on Arch street about the year 1865, and ran a year or two, when he sold out. The

firms that carry on the business at present are G. E. Hilles, J. S. Ely & Co., Dr. G. S. Wellons, and Hornbrook, Son & Co.

CHINA STORES.

James T. Moore carried on an extensive store of this kind since 1883, until the spring of 1898, when he closed out the stock, enlarged his place of business and opened out a large department store. Charles Cole after quitting the tinner's trade, opened a china store on Central Main street, which he ran quite a number of years, then quit the business.

GROCERS.

The leading grocers who did a retail business here during this period have been the Burrough Brothers, Lemoyne Mott, James Thompson, Handel Vance, Vance & Son, John W. Sunderland, William Brown, W. H. Kinney, James T. Moore, C. P. Dobbins, Thomas Goldsmith, Thomas Frasier, John W. Hingeley, E. T. Parker, David Sheldon, M. T. Fawcett, Jacob Heed, W. H. Hobbs, and several others. Those at the present time are T. J. Carr, Matthew McKeown, Fowler & Son, William Hilton, Leonard Hilton, J. W. Mackall, John Adams, W. H. Kinney, S. Pack, Dora Blakemore, U. Damsel & Son, E. C. Kinney, J. E. Gibson, Warrick Bros., Mr. Patterson, S. Denoon, and F. Outland.

TOBACCO MERCHANTS.

Besides those already named the following persons and firms have handled leaf tobacco during this period: John Hance, J. R. Hunt & Bro., L. L. Fred, Henry T. Barnes, Reed & Gardner, Howard & Green, Bailey &

Barne., Gardner & Parker, Gardner & Fordyce, Benjamin Bailey, J. S. & A. B. Howard, and others. The present tobacco merchants are Thomas Bradfield, Howard & Reed, Howard & Miller, Reed & Reed.

CLOTHING STORES.

The clothing stores of this period have been Jacob Oppenheimer, Victorious, Rottenberg, Max Reinheimer, Isaac Andern, and others. The firms now are Williams Bros., J. J. Kirk, Paul Worthington, and R. L. Hunt.

UNDERWRITERS.

The principal underwriters of this period have been William Smith, Esq., Jonathan Scofield, Dr. Kemp, H. M. Hickock, Norris & Norris, Norris & Barnes, and I. H. Powers. William Smith lived here from about 1845 to 1875, and was one of our most public spirited citizens. He commenced the culture of strawberries here, which has made Barnesville famous wherever the berries have been sold. During his life time Mr. Smith was prominent in all our local affairs. The principal underwriters at present are S. B. Piper, Jonathan Scofield, and Mr. Chappell.

CIGAR SHOPS.

The cigar shops were carried on by the following persons: Thaddeus Marsh started one in 1854, in the room now used by Shaffer for his bakery. He sold to Isaac Horkheimer and he to Joseph Eiseman; each of these persons ran a shop for a short time. Then came Samuel Nace, John West, George Callens, Fred Kies, Levi Eisenberg, Uriah Damsel, Joseph Dubois, Thomas Carr, William H. Kinney, Nan Reed, Charlie Batch,

Jacob Heed, Abel Hobbs, the Graham Brothers, the Heed Bros., Charley Carr, Al Heed, Gratigny & Lyles, and others. The firms engaged in the business at present are the Bulger Bros., proprietors of The Big Four factory, Heed Bros., The Ohio, run by J. E. Ward. A. C. Damsel, W. H. Barlow, Charles Hunt, and J. R. Carr.

MILLINERS.

The name of Moses Brown is well remembered by our older citizens. When he was asked what occupation he followed, he would reply, "My wife is a milliner!" He is said to have been the most stingy man that was even in the town. On one occasion, in the presence of a friend, he threw two "nubbins" into the pig-pen, and exclaimed, "Now stuff yourselves!" Mrs. Brown was followed by Mrs. Rebecca Hare, then came Miss Mattie Lowe. Miss Sade Leeke, Mrs. Annie Bailey, Nace & Pickering, A. F. Maltby, Mrs. J. E. Ritchie, W. A. Talbott. John Hill, Mrs. M. L. Barnes, Miss Agnes Dubois, Mrs. Anna Sproat, and the Bee Hive, kept by a Mr. Haun. The milliner stores at present are John Hill, J. T. Moore, and G. E. Hunt.

CREAMERY.

Another important industry of the town is the Barnesville Creamery. This business was started by the farmers of the vicinity, in August 1895. The place of business is situated on Mulberry street, and all the management of the concern is in the hands of A. L. Fankhauser. Connected with the creamery is one of the most remarkable wells in the town. It is a drilled well of a depth of a little over fifty feet, and all through the very dry seasons of 1895-6, when nearly every water

supply in town had failed, or given a sign of failing, this well continued to give all the immense amount of water required daily for the washing of the butter, besides supplying water every evening for a large tank connected with the creamery.

HOTELS.

The hotels of this period in addition to those already mentioned, are as follows: the old "Bloomer" on Arch street, built by Handel Vance about 1860, and run by him and others for many years. It was afterwards the residence of Joseph Renner, but is now occupied as a saloon by Bartley McAndrews. The "Henderson House," at the northeast corner of Main and Arch streets, is now the store room of R. H. Piper. The "Dement House" is now the McKeown block on Chestnut street. The St. John, also on Chestnut, was built in 1872, by one Black, who kept it a few years, then sold to Michael Creighton, Sr., who enlarged it. Then Martin St. John conducted it as a hotel for three or four years. Then one Slevin, Williams, Dowdell, Williams (a lady), Miss A. Folger successively conducted this hotel. It finally passed into the hands of Jack Heed, who ran it successfully several years. Al Heed then took possession and ran the hotel until the past summer of 1898, when it was abandoned as a public house.

In 1868-9 the brothers, William and Ezekiel Mills erected the two-story part of the now Albert House, but before that part was finished, by exchange with Marx Albert, the old Parsons hotel with the part just mentioned, became the property of Albert. He soon finished the building and ran the hotel until his death. It then passed into the hands of his children who have conducted

the hotel ever since. The St. Charles hotel is now occupied by Luther Stewart as a saloon, and is situated on Arch street. It was built by John Wisener for a business room, and was first run as a hotel by Wm. Williams. Moses Edgar ran a hotel for a number of years in the building on Mulberry street, just opposite the depot, Mr. Stone also ran this hotel some time, but in a year or two took possession of the hotel on Arch street, which he is still running. The hotels of the present time are the Albert House, the Central Hotel, and the Stone House.

BARBERS.

In 1857 Anthony Mabra kept a shop over Folger's drug store. He was an amusing colored man, and his rasping shave by the dim light of a single candle, can vividly be remembered. Kin Brown had a shop here. Before and during the war, Frank Fowles, a colored gentleman kept a shop in the basement of Vance's Bloomer House, the old Renner building on Arch street. He was very deliberate in his operations, but yet accumulated some money. At the breaking of the Confederate lines at Petersburg, "a likely boy," the protege and servant of Colonel Johnson, of A. P. Hill's corps, was captured. He had attended his master on all the campaigns from Yorktown to Petersburg, and was taken prisoner while on duty. He was sent west and landed at Barnesville. He became a pupil of Fowles. This boy was Mr. Johnson, who was for many years one of the best barbers in the town. He has been succeeded by his son, Philip Johnson, who, in partnership with Mr. Ellis, runs a shop on Main street, under the name of Johnson & Ellis. Joseph Wilson, another of our colored barbers, had the

honor many years ago of being elected township trustee. Thomas Miller, John Shiveley, Stonebraker & Son, Wm. Mankin, Wm. Peterson, John McCourtney, and Wm. Luellen are the persons and firms engaged in the business at present.

FIRES AND ACCIDENTS.

In 1864 the M. E. parsonage and Wm. R. Moore's dwelling and shop were burnt down. These buildings stood at the southwest corner of South and Chestnut streets. The parsonage stood south of the Moore buildings.

In 1866 Wesley Brown, a hand at the Frasier House, and a son of Wm. McKendree Brown, was thrown from a horse and died in an hour or two.

In May, 1870, the old Barnes mill was destroyed by fire, and in March, 1871, a two-story building owned by John Stencil, was burnt down. It stood on the north end of lot No. 85 Chestnut street. In the summer of 1872 the flouring mill of Kitkee & Schultz, which stood at the southeast corner of South and Chestnut streets, was consumed by fire, and Benjamin Middleton, an employe, perished with the mill.

On the 4th of July, 1876, Joseph Wilkie, a young man, and a son of Uriah Wilkie, was instantly killed by an improvised cannon, thoughtlessly loaded to be fired on Main street to do honor to the glorious Independence Day.

On the 17th day of July, 1878, the large planing mill of Davis & Starbuck, was blown to atoms by the explosion of a boiler. It was one of the most terrific explosions that ever occurred anywhere. Three men were instantly killed—L. H. Burchard, Charles Etzler, Sr., and

James Padgett. William Heizer was mortally wounded and lived but a short time.

In the month of February, 1879, James Johnson, an employe of Hagle & Co., on Arch street, became entangled in the belting of the turning lathe, was carried around the shaft and so badly hurt that he died in a few hours.

On the 14th of February, 1894, the mill owned by Mr. Bonnell, on the corner of Main and Gardner streets, was entirely destroyed by fire. This mill was the one built by Carter, Beardmore & Wisener.

On the night of January 12, 1895, one of the most disastrous fires that ever happened in the town, occurred, in which nearly a complete block of business houses on Main street was consumed. The origin of the fire is unknown, but was supposed to have originated in the Gunning building. The night was bitter cold, and on this account and the lateness of the hour, few people were about, and the fire had got pretty good headway before it was discovered, and before it could be got under control, the following buildings were entirely destroyed: J. W. Judkin's store room; the R. M. Gunning building, which was occupied in the upper story by the Enterprise office, the ground floor by Mr. Gunning's saddlery store, and Mr. Ward's cheap notion store; the building occupied by Patterson's grocery; Elmer McKeever's jewelry store; the next was Dr. G. S. Wellon's drug store building; then Kinney & Taylor's grocery store; the residence and milliner store of John Hill, and Mrs. Meyer's residence. The entire block has since been rebuilt, the old buildings being replaced by some very handsome business structures.

In the summer of 1896, the city hall building, the

carriage factory of Charles Little, a building owned by Joseph Hinton, on Arch street, and the residence of Mrs. Joanna Brannum, on Church street, were entirely consumed by fire.

MEAT MARKETS.

The meat markets in the town at the present time are kept by Scott Barnes, French Gibson, Jack Heed, Mr. Dallas, George Patterson, R. C. Hayes, and the Barnes Brothers.

BAKERIES.

The bakeries in Barnesville at present are those of Fred Mantz, Anthony Shaffer, the Hunkler Bros., Mrs. M. L. Barnes, and Mrs. Nelia Renner.

PROFESSIONAL MEN.

Physicians. Besides the physicians already named, the following have practiced medicine here in this period: Dr. Joshua Way, Dr. E. Williams, Dr. G. S. Wellons, Dr. J. A. Judkins, Dr. Ezra Beard, Dr. Thomas, Dr. Holmes, Dr. McCalvin, Dr. Kemp, Dr. B. Mackall, Dr. Trimmer, Dr. Ely, Dr. O'Brien, Dr. J. W. Wellons, Dr. Crawford, and others. The present physicians are Dr. J. A. Judkins, Dr. G. S. Wellons, Dr. Ely, Dr. Will Judkins, Dr. Jas. Wellons, Dr. Fred Peregoy, Dr. Laws, and Dr. Sheppard.

Dentists. -The dentists of this period have been Milton Barnes, at one time Secretary of State, Dr. Moffit, Dr. Baker, Dr. Henry Barnes, Dr. John Barnes, Dr. G. V. Riddile, Dr. Walton, Drs. Coburn & Ferguson, and

Dr. Moore. The dentists at present are Dr. Coburn, Dr. Riddile and Dr. Baker.

Lawyers.—The lawyers have been R. H. Taneyhill, J. H. Collins, M. D. King, N. J. Manning, Hezekiah Thomas, William Smith, Rudolph Rowans, Daniel Crawford, one Brown, Bernard St. Clair, J. W. Walton, Nathan Barber, A. J. Buchanan, S. L. James, E. T. Petty, W. F. Smith, Thomas Emerson, J. A. Shepherd, C. J. Howard, and W. R. Talbott. The lawyers at the present time are Petty & Crew, George Colpitts, and C. J. Howard.

POSTMASTERS.

The first postoffice in Barnesville was established in 1810 and William Philpot was appointed postmaster. Mr. Philpot acted as postmaster for twenty years when he resigned, and in 1830 Benjamin H. Mackall was appointed. In 1835 Mr. Mackall died, and his son, Colonel B. Mackall succeeded him. In 1845 Colonel Mackall was elected to the Ohio Senate, and resigned the postmastership, being succeeded by Joseph Fry. Mr. Fry was removed in 1849 and James R. Laws appointed to the place. In 1851 he resigned and Edward D. Barnes was appointed. In 1853 Mr. Barnes resigned and Colonel B. Mackall was again appointed postmaster, which he held until 1861, when he was removed and John H. Piper appointed in his place. In 1866 Mr. Piper was succeeded by John W. Hays, who held the office until 1871. He was succeeded by J. M. Lewis, who was postmaster four years. Mr. Lewis did not conduct the affairs of the office but appointed deputies instead, the first being Benjamin Davenport, who served one year; then Samuel Piper was appointed, and he served as deputy under Mr.

Lewis until 1875, when Mr. Lewis resigned and Mr. Piper received the appointment, and was postmaster until the year 1886, when he resigned the office and J. W. Hingeley received the appointment in 1887. In 1891 W. H. Anderson was appointed, and was followed by Hamilton Eaton in 1895, who is the present postmaster. Mr. Philpot held the office for twenty years, Colonel B. Mackall for eighteen years, and Samuel Piper over eleven years. The Mackall family and its branches have held the postoffice for over one-fourth of the time since 1832, and all have made capital postmasters. We have always had most excellent postoffice keepers.

LITERATURE.

During the years of 1856-7, there was a little paper published in the town by the young lady students of Davenport & Adler's "Classical Institute," which was held in the old academy building. It was called "The Gleaner," was published weekly, and was printed at Zanesville, Ohio. The editress was changed every term. The name was finally changed to "The Literary Casket" and Miss M. L. Talbott, now Mrs. M. L. Walton, was made permanent editress. The editorials of this paper were of a high class.

The first newspaper published in the town was by Bartleson & Son in 1857. It was called the *Intelligencer*. After publishing two numbers, they sold to George McClelland. He ran it four years, when, for lack of support, it was abandoned. In 1866 Mr. McClelland started the *Enterprise*, and he ran the paper very successfully until his death, when the paper was sold to E. P. Lee, who, with the able assistance of his wife, has conducted the paper in such a manner that it has retained

all of its old-time popularity. Some time about the year 1833, Mr. McClelland began the publication of *The Saturday News*, along with the *Enterprise*. He ran this paper several years, when it was abandoned.

In 1863 the Republican newspaper was started in Barnesville, by T. T. Hanlon & Sons. This paper was the first published in the town that was of a decided political nature, and it became at once a success. W. W. Hanlon was the editor, and conducted the paper successfully, until the year 1897, when it was sold to C. C. Carroll, of St. Clairsville, a man who has had quite a good deal of experience in journalism, and is also a prominent political worker. He is ably assisted in the publication of the Republican by Mr. Harry Dement.

In 1892 Emmet Buchanan started a job printing office in the McKeever block. Notwithstanding the fact that there were already two full-fledged newspapers in the town, Mr. Buchanan made the venture on the third, and taking W. T. Evans in as a partner, the *Whetstone* was started in 1894, and under the able management of these gentlemen the paper has become one of the best edited newspapers to be found anywhere.

HANLON BROS. PAPER CO.

The largest printing establishment in the town is that of Hanlon Bros. Paper Co. This business was first started by T. T. Hanlon, then the firm was changed to T. T. Hanlon & Sons, who ran it for several years, when Mr. Hanlon retired, and the business passed into the hands of his sons, Messrs. W. W. and O. O. Hanlon. During the past summer of 1898 the place of business was changed from the old location on Chestnut street to the old woolen factory building on Church street, which

had been repaired and enlarged and fitted out with all the modern improvements for such an establishment.

CHURCHES.—THE METHODISTS.

At the beginning of this period the membership of the Methodist Church had outgrown the little old brick, and a larger place of worship was found necessary. Accordingly a site was purchased on the corner of Chestnut and Church streets, and on it in 1856 a commodious brick structure was erected. The building was two-story, the first story was composed of a large lecture room, and a vestibule with two small class rooms on either side. Two stairways on opposite sides of the vestibule led to the upper story, which was occupied by an audience room, a gallery and a vestibule. There were many revivals of religious feeling in this church. During the time that Rev. J. L. Binkley was pastor of the church, the membership was increased to such an extent that a much larger place of worship had become a necessity, and there was much talk on the subject, but it was not until Dr. C. E. Manchester became pastor that anything definite was done towards the building of a new church. The project was then pushed rapidly forward, and the result was that the Methodists in Barnesville now have one of the most beautiful and convenient church edifices to be found anywhere. It was desired to erect the new church on the old site on the corner of Chestnut and Church streets, but the lot was too small and no more ground adjoining could be bought. So the official board, having a very liberal offer for the lot, concluded to sell, and give possession May 1, 1889. The new location selected was the corner of Church and Broadway. After giving possession of the ground sold, a temporary struc-

ture was erected on Church street. This was called the Tabernacle, and here for one whole year the congregation worshiped. In the meantime the new building was being pushed to completion. The plan for the new church was made by R. S. Bagley, of Cleveland, Ohio. The building contract was let to the late Christopher Murray, of Bellaire, and Mr. Bumgardner, of St. Clairsville. The total cost when completed was \$25,955. The house was dedicated September, 28th, 1890, and Bishop J. W. Joyce officiated. The day was all that could have been desired, and an immense congregation gathered to witness the ceremonies. The choir sang as an opening piece, "The Heavens Are Telling," a selection from Hayden's "Creation". Miss Grace Kelley (now Mrs. Wood Pickering, of Columbus), was organist. The members of the choir were Miss Gail Hibbard (Mrs. J. Harry Lewis, of Chicago), Miss Ella Plumly, Mrs. Will Lyles, Mrs. Lee Cunnard, Miss Carrie Baker (Mrs. Myron Cole, of Martin's Ferry), Mrs. W. W. Hanlon, Miss Ida Patterson, J. S. Howard, J. W. Hingeley, Myron E. Cole, J. L. Heizer, and A. R. Heizer. Dr. Manchester read the 136th hymn, and after singing it, Bishop J. M. Thoburn, of India, led in prayer. Drs. J. R. Mills and Ezra Hingeley read selections from the scriptures and hymn 862 was sung. The sermon by Bishop Joyce then followed from the text "Every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God." The sermon filled the highest expectations of the audience. In the afternoon Bishop Thoburn preached. After this, subscription to meet the balance of the debt on the building was continued, and soon the whole amount of about \$7,000 was raised. Then the house was solemnly dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, and another signal victory was inscribed

on the banner of Methodism in Barnesville. Rev. J. A. Hiatt is the present pastor.

The first Sunday school opened in Barnesville was in the year 1827, and was held in the Archibald Cole school room, which occupied the lot on which is the residence of Miss Celia Boyd. The books and lessons were the same as the "every-day" schools. This school was run a few months and then abandoned, on account of the disorderly conduct. The next Sunday school was organized in 1828, and was established by a Rev. Alexander, a Presbyterian clergyman, whose business it was to organize such schools. It was held at the M. E. Church, but was non-sectarian. Hon. John Davenport was the first superintendent. From the organization of the school to the year 1835, it was under the patronage of the American Sunday School Union, but after that date it was brought under the control of the M. E. Sunday School Union. The most prosperous time in the early history of the M. E. Sunday School was when Benjamin Davenport was superintendent—in 1837. He inaugurated many new ideas into the workings of the school, such as free distribution of Sunday School papers, "treats," entertainments, etc., and by this means the membership was more than doubled and a permanent interest in the school was established, which has continued without interruption to the present. The membership at the present time is upwards of five hundred persons, and is divided into the infant school and that of the older members. Miss Euphemia Crawford is the superintendent of the infant department, and she has served in the capacity as teacher of the infant school for twenty-seven years. She is very ably assisted in her work by Miss Adda Fowler. Mr. Thomas Rogers is the general su-

perintendent, and has under his charge an excellent corps of teachers.

THE PRESBYTERIANS.

Up to the year 1840 there were but few Presbyterians in or about Barnesville, the only residents in the town being James McLeish and wife. But as time passed others moved in, and by the year 1858, there was quite a number of families of that creed in the town and many others who leaned towards that faith. So, in the autumn of that year, Rev. John Hammer, of Baltimore, Md., made a religious visit to Barnesville. He held services here for about two weeks, preaching in the basement of the M. E. Church and Warfield's Hall. Rev. Hammer advised the Presbyterian friends to form a society and build a meeting house. A committee was appointed to attend to the arrangements, and at its first meeting it was resolved that if sixteen hundred dollars could be obtained by subscription, they would at once make arrangements to build the church. In one day the whole amount was subscribed, and in a short time the lot, which was then occupied by the old tobacco packing house of James Barnes & Sons was purchased of Henry T. Barnes and the building of the new church was begun. The contractor was James Elerick. The church was completed and dedicated in the spring of 1859. About twelve years ago the building was completely remodeled. New seats were put in, and the old windows were replaced by very handsome stained glass. A new bell was also purchased, and is one of the deepest sounding bells cast. Rev. Allan Krichbaum is the pastor.

The first Sunday school connected with the Presby-

terian Church was established in 1861, by William Sawhill, a lay member. At the beginning the school had a membership of twenty-five, and Mr. Sawhill was the superintendent. The membership has steadily increased, and now numbers between two hundred and fifty and two hundred and seventy-five members. The superintendent is Hon. C. J. Howard.

THE DISCIPLES.

The Disciples of this vicinity were organized into a society at the house of John Phillips, two miles northeast of Barnesville, about the year 1833. The meetings were held at Mr. Phillips' for several years, when they were transferred to the old stone school house, half a mile southwest of the Phillips residence. Here they continued to worship until the year 1842. In that year the Disciples held a meeting in Barnesville. They erected a large tent on a vacant lot on West Main street, just east of the present residence of Mrs. Barze. This tent held about five hundred persons. The meetings were held one week and were very interesting, and a large number was added to the membership of the church. In the same year, James Barnes, the proprietor of the town, presented the Disciples with a lot at the west end of South street, north side, and here they erected the little brick church mentioned in the preceding period. Here they continued to worship until 1857, when they bought the old Methodist church on Church street, which had recently been vacated by the Methodists. They refitted it and occupied it as a place of worship, until the past summer of 1898, when more ground was purchased for a new church; on February 28 from John Hunt, and on May 1 from J. D. Talbott, and the

work of tearing down the old brick was at once begun. This old church which had been the scene of the conversion of many souls to God, and whose walls had resounded with the eloquence of many a noted divine, has given up its place to the handsome new building which is in the course of erection. The congregation is occupying the old Republican office hall, on Chestnut street, until the completion of the new church. Rev. Grant E. Pike is pastor.

The first Sunday school in connection with the Disciples Church was organized by Elder Martin about the year 1854, and was afterwards continued by Elder I. N. Hunt. The average attendance at present is between eighty and one hundred members. Miss Kate Kemp is the superintendent.

THE FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE.

Previous to the year 1874 the Friends who resided in Barnesville attended Stillwater meeting one and a quarter miles east of town, but in that year a meeting for worship was allowed by the Stillwater monthly meeting to about twenty families then resident in the town. And in the spring of 1875 they erected a small two-story frame on the corner of South street and Lincoln avenue. Here meetings are held every Sunday and Thursday mornings. For a long time after the erection of this building a select school was held in it, but that has been abandoned a good many years. The attendance at this meeting house has decreased very much in the past few years on account of many families moving to other localities.

THE CATHOLICS.

Before the year 1889 the Catholics of Barnesville and

vicinity had no church in the town. Mass was held by them once a month at the residence of Mr. Michael Barrett on South Broadway, and the services were conducted by the priest, whose residence was in Batesville. The membership was small, but kept increasing, so that it was found necessary to erect a special place of worship. A lot was purchased on the hill south of town and in the year 1889, a small frame building was erected. Services were held at intervals here for one year, and on the 29th day of September, 1890, the church was dedicated. Bishop Watterson conducted the services and preached the dedication sermon. The sermon was grand and the attention of every one present who could get within hearing distance was held from the beginning to the end by the eloquence of the speaker. The church has now a membership of about thirty. There has never been a resident priest here. The church had been under the care of Rev. Montag, of the Temperanceville charge, and mass was held only at intervals, until the past year, when Rev. Montag removed to another field of labor and Rev. Clarke was put in charge. Rev. Clarke holds mass every two weeks. Arrangements are being made to have the priest become a resident of the town, when the church will have mass every Sunday. Services for the children are held every Sunday afternoon. Mr. Charles Ellis is instructor.

THE METHODIST PROTESTANTS.

About the year 1890 a society of the M. P. Church was organized here and a building to worship in was built on South Broadway. Meetings were conducted there for about two years, when the society was disbanded on the account of the lack of support. The

building is still standing, and is now the residence of Mr. Warriek.

A. M. E. CHURCH.

The African M. E. Church was organized in 1863, with a membership of twenty-five persons. The old threshing machine factory of Henry Norris was bought by the society and fitted up as a place of worship. It is still standing on the corner of South street and Reed's Row, but the congregation had outgrown it, and in 1894, a new church was erected on West South street. It is a commodious structure, very conveniently arranged on the interior. It is surmounted by a belfry in which hangs the old bell which for so many years called the Methodists to worship at their church on the corner of Chestnut and Church streets. When G. E. Bradfield bought the old Methodist church and lot, he gave this bell to the colored people, and they hung it in their church. It is said to be one of the finest toned bells ever cast. The membership of this church is about fifty persons. Rev. Morton is the present pastor.

The A. M. E. Sunday School was first organized at Stillwater, and was moved to Barnesville in 1865. Mr. William H. King was the first superintendent, and remained as such for thirty years. The number of members is sixty. Mr. B. O. McMichael is the present superintendent.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

In February, 1886, the Salvation Army made its advent here, under the command of Captains Stroud and Lewis. They did good work, and in a short time had organized

what was called the 6th Ohio Corps, and the command was given to Capt. Lydia Fisher. It was not long until nearly one hundred persons had joined the new faith. Capt. Fisher remained in command until July of 1886, when she withdrew from the work. After this the interest in the army began to weaken, and could only be revived at intervals. It ran this way for two or three years when the Army was disbanded.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The first public school in Barnesville was taught by Judah Foulke during the years 1828-9, in the old Masonic building, which stood on the corner of Chestnut and Church streets. In 1829 Mr. Kelion Hager erected a little brick school house on the present school lot, and the schools were transferred to this building. Mr. Enoch Thomas was the first teacher, and Samuel Hunt the second. The names of all the other teachers in this school that I can recall are: Richard Hatten, Joseph Garretson, Jr., Nimrod Johnson, Joseph Garretson, Sr., Philip Gulick, Dr. Ashbaugh, John W. Harris, John Gililand, James R. Laws, Jesse Thomas, R. H. Taneyhill, Wm. Smith, Asa McCoy, I. H. Smith, I. G. Spear. School was held here until 1848, and from that time to 1857, public schools were taught by different teachers in divers rooms about the village. In 1851 all the scholars in the district were put under the supervision of Prof. John L. Thompson, assisted by William Smith, Esq., Miss Mary Wheeler Mackall, and Mrs. Mary Hoops, (Mrs. Bines, of Philadelphia.) In 1854 the "Union School House" was erected on the same lot as the "little brick." It originally had five rooms, but an addition was built to the east end in 1867. In 1873 a small building which stood

on a lot which is now part of North Broadway near the M. E. Church, was purchased and used for the primary department. The following persons were principals of the schools taught in this building: James H. Ferguson, C. W. Davenport, L. T. Wood, E. D. Whitlock, J. A. McEwen, W. H. Kennon, and J. M. Yarnell. The number of pupils had increased to such an extent that a larger building was found necessary. So, in March 1879, the Union school house was torn down, more ground was purchased, and in that year the erection of the present school building was begun. It was finished in 1880. This building is of brick and is three stories high. It is surmounted by a clock-tower, which contains a clock and an immense bell. The number of rooms was thirteen originally, with a large hall—called Lyceum Hall—on the third floor. As time passed more rooms were needed and a part of Lyceum Hall was made into rooms. The number has been increased to seventeen. The superintendents who have had charge of the schools held in this building have been J. M. Yarnell, H. L. Peck, C. S. Richardson, Arthur Powell, Joseph Rea, and E. M. VanCleve. Mr. VanCleve is the present superintendent. He is assisted by an excellent corps of teachers. The public schools of Barnesville have always been up with the best, and at present are conducted in such a manner as to place the very best opportunity for a good common education within the reach of every child in the town.

The late Miss Julia Leeke was a teacher in our public schools thirty-four years—the longest time that any one teacher served in the schools. The teacher who taught the next longest time was Miss Wheeler Mackall, who served thirty years. Both were excellent teachers and much respected by their pupils. Miss Julia died in

the year 1898. Miss Wheeler is living and resides in Barnesville.

To the man or woman who years ago attended school in the old "Union school house," there comes, at the mention of the name, along with other recollections, the memory of the big front yard, with its wealth of beautiful flowers. The yard was fenced in with palings. At the west end was an immense rockery with a fountain playing over it. The rest of the yard was laid out in flower-beds, in which all sorts of flowers of every hue were growing. Great interest was taken by each pupil and teacher in enhancing the beauty of his or her special portion of the ground set apart for each room, and each room vied with the other in trying to have the best effects.

An attempt was made about the year 1871-2, to found a college in Barnesville. A branch of the Newmarket College (now Scio), was started, with Prof. Gibson, of Harlem Springs, as instructor. The sessions were held in the old Warfield Hall, on Main street. Many of our people, as well as a number from surrounding towns, became patrons of the new college, and about fifty pupils were enrolled. It was run about a year, when it was given up.

Until the year 1855 but very little had been done for the education of the colored children in the town. Their first teacher up to that time was Jesse Hargrave. He was paid partly by the parents of the children and partly out of the public funds. In that year a school district for colored children was formed. A room was rented on Arch street, and Miss H. F. Price was teacher. In 1868 a brick school house was erected for them about a quarter of a mile south of town, and here school was

held until the year 1887, when the colored children were admitted to the white schools.

THE LODGES.

Friendship Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was organized on the 27th of February, 1827. About this time there was a strong anti-Masonic feeling sweeping the country, and so strong was the feeling in this part of Ohio, that the lodge here, after a shaky existence of seven years, surrendered their charter in 1834, and for eight years the lodge ceased to exist. But in 1842 the old charter was restored, and from that day to this the lodge has not failed to hold its monthly meetings. Until the year 1890, the lodge meetings were held in the old hall that stood on the corner of Chestnut and Church streets, and in the old Masonic Hall, on East Hill, but in that year a handsome new hall with a stone front was erected on the south side of Central Main street. Here the lodge holds its meetings. The number of members at present is eighty-nine.

Barnesville Chapter of Royal and Arch Masons was organized on the 15th of February, 1856. The present membership is sixty-nine.

March 30, 1887, a Fraternal Mystic Circle was formed in Barnesville. At the beginning the Circle had a membership of thirty, and held its meetings every month. The number of members has slowly decreased, the present number being nine. They do not hold any meetings, but each member does his part towards holding the organization together.

The Knights of Pythias was organized in November, 1874, and has had a prosperous career. It is one of the leading benevolent societies in the town. Their hall is

over McKeever's hardware store. The membership at present is one hundred and forty-six.

The Lodge of I. O. O. F. was organized in Barnesville, June 13, 1851. The lodge has been prosperous ever since its organization. In 1886-7 they erected a new hall on the site of the old Frasier House. The membership of the lodge at present is one hundred and eighty.

Sharon Encampment I. O. O. F. was instituted in the town July 29, 1868.

The Daughters of Rebekah, a branch of the Odd Fellows, was organized in 1880. It is composed of ladies, and has thirty-three members.

The colored Odd Fellows Lodge was organized in 1884, and the membership at present is fourteen. They have their own hall, which is situated at the southern end of Vine street.

The Junior Order of American Mechanics was organized November 19, 1891, with ten charter members. The membership at present is fifty-four.

A Grove of Druids was organized in the town in 1871, but it existed only a short time. A Wigwam of Red Men was also erected in 1872, and after flourishing finely for about two years, the members in a body, constituted the charter members of the Knights of Pythias. Barnesville has also had at other times lodges of Sons of Temperance and Good Templars, which would flourish for a season, then cease to exist.

HILLES POST NO. 220 G. A. R.

This Post was organized in 1882, with Maj. E. T. Petty as commander. It was named for one of Barnesville's heroic men—Robert Hilles—who gave his life to his country in the battle of the Wilderness. The Post at

one time had nearly one hundred members, but as time passes on the little band slowly decreases, and now numbers about forty-five. When the old soldier drops from the ranks of the Grand Army his place cannot be filled, and in the course of time the heroes of one of the fiercest wars in the world's history will have passed away. Major E. T. Petty is the present commander of Hilles Post.

In connection with the G. A. R. is the Womans' Relief Corps. This society was organized in 1884, and has a membership of forty. The object of this society is to aid the Grand Army in their work, and much charitable work is done by both societies.

SONS OF VETERANS.

April 16, 1885, Chickamauga Camp No. 38 S. of V. was organized here with ten charter members. The society flourished for many years, but after awhile the interest in the camp decreased and the charter was finally surrendered.

A Ladies' Aid Society was organized in connection with the S. of V. It was started April 20, 1886, and was the first society of the kind organized in the state. This society was to aid the Sons in their work, and long after that command had ceased to be, this little band kept on working, and much good was done in all kinds of charitable work. But in the summer of 1897 the Society disbanded on account of lack of attendance and interest of the members.

THE BUILDING ASSOCIATIONS.

The People's Building and Loan Company was organized June 6, 1885. The office was first in the shoe shop of I. E. Hunt, on Chestnut street, and was kept

there about three years. The company was re-organized on the perpetual plan January 28, 1888. The office was then removed to the building formerly occupied by Cole's tin store, on West Main street, where it remained for two years. But owing to increasing business the office was removed to more commodious quarters in the building erected by the First National Bank, where it still is. The company has paid up stock of nearly \$40,000.

The Home Building and Loan Company of Barnesville was incorporated January 28, 1889. The plan at the beginning was "terminating," that is when shares of stock reached their par value they were paid off and cancelled. About four years ago what is called the "Dayton" plan was substituted. Under this plan the shares of stock do not mature, and can be taken or withdrawn at any time at the option of the member.

THE BANKS.

The First National Bank of Barnesville was chartered in 1865, with \$150,000 capital and surplus. J. M. Lewis is the president, and G. E. Bradfield, cashier.

The People's National Bank was chartered in 1883, with \$120,000 capital and surplus. Dr. J. S. Ely is president; T. J. Buchanan, vice-president, and O. P. Norris, cashier.

THE CEMETERIES.

In May, 1858, the grounds for the Southern Cemetery were purchased of Dr. Isaac Hoover. They were dedicated to cemetery purposes August 4, 1858. The association is known as the Barnesville Cemetery Association.

Green Mount Cemetery Association was formed May

5, 1858. This cemetery is situated in the northern part of the town, upon what has always been known as Knob Field, and which is one of the highest points in the state.

TEMPERANCE MOVEMENTS.

I was present at the first temperance meeting ever held at Barnesville. It was held in December, 1835. Hon. John Davenport presented the pledge. He had been to Baltimore to replenish his stock of goods, and brought the pledge with him on his return. It was a pledge to refrain from the use of distilled liquors—that was all. It was signed by nearly all present, and checked drunkenness, but the excitement soon died away.

The next temperance demonstration was the Washingtonian bubble in 1842. It took with the people like wild-fire. It was a clean-cut teetotal affair, and lasted for a long time as a restraining influence.

The next temperance movement was the organization of two lodges of Sons of Temperance—the Barnesville Lodge, and the Hobab Division. They did incalculable good, as they saved three or four of our citizens, who afterwards adorned the Barnesville community, and whose influence is still felt here.

In the latter part of 1873 a crusade against saloons was organized at Hillsboro, Highland county, Ohio, by the women. It was a unique movement. The women went in great crowds and held prayer meetings at the doors of the saloons—closing nearly every saloon before which they appeared. The excitement struck Barnesville at the latter end of February, 1874. When that crusade began in the town a majority of the people favored the use of intoxicants, but by its influence the majority went to the other side. The seed then sown had

a good effect in preparing the people to vote for the prohibition amendment in 1883, by a large majority, and also for prohibition in 1886.

The Murphy movement, introduced by Mrs. Reese, of Steubenville, in 1877, also had its run, and many a toper was for a time rescued from his cups.

In the fall of 1895 Rev. Sam Small conducted a ten days' evangelistic meeting in the M. E. Church in the behalf of temperance.

AMUSEMENTS.

Barnesville of ye olden time had no place for public amusements except tobacco barns and churches, and in fact there were no amusements except those furnished by the young people. The first public hall was erected by William Reed, and was the old R. M. Gunning building, which was burned down in 1895. It was successively known as Reed's, Warfield's and Temperance Hall. Here the first theatrical performance was given in the winter of 1858, by J. H. Bryan & Co., and the first play was "Don Cæsar de Bazan," followed by "Rob Roy" the next night. Bryan was the equal of any actor who has since come here, and by "doubling" up his little company of five persons he gave a very creditable performance. A prominent church member was among the crowd that stood up to watch the performance. In the most affecting part, where the heroine was dying of a broken heart, he was convulsed with laughter, and exclaimed:—"Gosh! isn't that funny!" The next place of amusement was Hunt's Hall, which was built about 1870, and was dedicated with an exhibition by the middle-aged folks, in which W. T. Meek, J. H. Collins, Dr.

Kemp, Dr. Ely, and other local lights took prominent parts. The dedication was a grand success, and was the "last appearance on any stage" of any of the middle-aged people of Barnesville. After City Hall was built, all traveling shows and local entertainments gave their performances in that hall. City Hall was burned down in the summer of 1896, and for several months the town was without a place for theatrical amusements. But in the winter of 1897, Eli Moore, one of our public-spirited citizens, began the erection of an opera house on Church street, and on New Year's night, 1898, the first performance—"Faust," by the Labadie Co.,—was presented to a large audience. Our people can now have the pleasure of seeing some of the very best traveling companies.

SOME OTHER INDUSTRIES.

Mr. C. P. Dobbins, since leaving the grocery business, has been engaged in buying wool, furs, pelts, and has the only establishment of the kind in the town. There are others who deal in wool. Barnesville has two "racket" or cheap stores, kept by Frank Hagedorn, and Mr. Warrick. There are two feed stores, kept by John Price and I. P. Lewis. Fred Dunkle and the Galloway Brothers have shops and conduct a business in the hanging of wall paper. The wagon-making shops are run by Isaac Perry, John Seals and Mr. Vansickle. Mr. Dick and Tipton & Co. run a blacksmithing trade.

For many years Charles Thornberry conducted a fruit and confectionery store here, but he recently removed to Cambridge. Since then the business has been run by his brother, Wilbur Thornberry. A. Taylor & Son conduct a grocery business on Arch street. Louis

Meyers conducts a tobacco store and restaurant on Main street.

THE WINDOW GLASS WORKS.

The Barnesville Window Glass Co. was organized in March 1883, with a capital stock of \$60,000. This is the largest industry in the town, and gives employment to upwards of one hundred persons. The factory is situated near the B. & O. depot. At the start only a ten pot furnace was built, but in 1882 4 an additional furnace of eight pots was built. Mr. Will Jordan is the superintendent.

THE WARREN GAS & OIL CO.

It was the general belief for many years that in the depths of the earth around Barnesville were hidden quantities of gas and oil, and so confident were the city fathers in regard to the matter, that about the year 1887, they leased ground on the James Walton farm, and a well was sunk by the town. This well, however, proved to be what is called a duster, and was no good. But, notwithstanding this fact, a number of our business men formed a company, and under the title of The Warren Gas & Oil Company, went to work in earnest. Land was leased in different sections around in the vicinity, and wells were sunk. The first well was sunk on the farm of Wm. Barlow, which proved to be a duster. The next two wells were on the T. C. Parker farm, and a good volume of gas was the result. In 1890 a re-organization of the company took place. In the fall of that year gas was brought into the town. They next put down a well on the Laughlin farm, which was one of the best. Eight more wells were drilled for gas, seven of which turned

out a good quantity of gas. In the fall of 1893, oil was struck on the Burdette and Buchanan lands. Since that time six other wells have been drilled for oil. In October, 1898, the gas part of the company was sold to Treat & Crawford, one of the wealthiest oil and gas companies in the country, and the prospects are that gas will be brought to the town from Noble county, and in such quantities that everybody who desires it can have a sufficient supply.

THE TELEPHONE COMPANY.

By the efforts of the Messrs. Doudna, a telephone company was started in Barnesville and organized under the name of The Barnesville Telephone Company, in August, 1895. The project was very successful and was run by this company for three years. In February, 1898, all of the Barnesville system passed into the control of the Bell Telephone Co. In May, 1898, all the receivers and other apparatus of the former company were taken a short distance east of town and piled up and a huge bonfire made of them. They were replaced by others from the new company. In September, 1898, the long distance telephone was established, and Barnesville is now on speaking terms with the outside world.

THE BERRY CULTURE.

A leading industry of Barnesville and the vicinity, and one which gives employment to scores of people for about six weeks in the year, is the cultivation of the strawberry and the raspberry. The strawberry culture was begun in 1859 by Daniel Barr, on the little farm south of town, now owned by T. T. Hanlon. Mr. Barr only grew them in small quantities, just enough to sup-

ply the home market. He also cultivated the raspberry. In 1860 William Smith, Esq., commenced the cultivation of the strawberry on a larger scale. He was soon followed by others, among whom were Stewart Morrow, John Scoles, the Messrs. Barlow, and John Bryant. These gentlemen planted acres of the strawberry, and shipments were made to Wheeling, Columbus, and other near points, but in 1880, James Edgerton made the experiment of shipping to Chicago, and it proved so much of a success, that at present the largest shipments are made to that city, although large quantities are sent to Pittsburg, Baltimore and Philadelphia. The Barnesville strawberry is famous, and its fame extends over all the country. The soil here seems to be specially adapted to this berry, and there are many growers at the present who have acres planted, and who ship many hundreds of bushels. There are also innumerable small growers—in fact nearly everybody in the vicinity who owns any land at all has his “strawberry patch,” and every variety is grown. Thousands of bushels are shipped to the city markets every season. The cultivation of the raspberry is also extensive, and these berries are also sent to other markets. Other small fruits are also raised in less quantities.

MUNICIPAL ORGANIZATION.

Barnesville was incorporated in 1834-5, and Isaac Barnes was chosen the first mayor. The early records of the town have been lost, and from that time until 1855, no account can be given of the different municipal changes. But it is known that the officers were elected annually, and the following persons were chosen as mayors about as their names stand:—Francis E. Uncles,

Lewis H. Green, Col. Benjamin Mackall, Kelion Hager, John McGill, Evan Butler, and John McCune. From 1855 the following persons have been mayor:—Benjamin Davenport, John Davenport, Esq., Stephen Wilson, S. J. Evans, N. Criswell, Handel Vance, H. F. Odell, Benjamin Davenport, John M. Gardner, James W. Warfield, Benjamin Davenport, John M. Gardner, R. C. Graves, James A. Barnes, Michael D. King, John M. Gardner, R. H. Taneyhill, H. W. Baker, Dr. Kemp, H. W. Baker, and James White, who is the present incumbent of the office. H. W. Baker served as mayor over twenty years, the longest time for any one person. Mayor White is no doubt the youngest man who has held the office.

ADDITIONS OF TERRITORY.

Additions to the territory of Barnesville have been made by the following persons:—On the southwest side by Philip Hunt; on the southeast side by William Reed, William A. Talbott, and H. M. Hickock; on the north and northeast part by the Waltons, Kelion Hager, William K. Tipton, Samuel Hilles, and Watt Brothers; on the west and northwest by John Cole, John Tillman, James Taylor, Frank Riley, and the heirs of Daniel Laws; on the east by Abel Lewis. The town is now spread over a full section of land.

CITY IMPROVEMENTS.

In 1876 a city hall was erected on the west side of Arch street. It contained a fire engine apartment, the mayor's office, township clerk's office, prison, and an audience room that would seat about five hundred persons. It was surmounted by a cupola that contained a town clock and a bell. In the summer of 1896 this town

building was destroyed by fire. It was replaced in the summer of 1898 by a smaller, but very commodious structure, which contains the same number of apartments with the exception of an audience room.

Barnesville was first lighted with gas on Christmas night, 1874, the company having been organized just four months previously. The works are located a little north of the Hilles flouring mill, and were erected by B. Van Steinberg, a young man from New York, at a cost of \$24,000, and Samuel Hilles was the first superintendent. The town was lighted in this manner, until in March, 1890, an ordinance was passed by the city, providing for the lighting of the town with electric lights, and the contract was given to the Ft. Wayne Electric Lighting Co. of Ft. Wayne, Ind. The town is now well lighted by the incandescent system of electric lighting. Some of the business firms have the electric lights in their stores. Mr. Richard Timmons is the present superintendent.

The paving of the streets of Barnesville was first commenced in the year 1891, when Main street, between Broadway and Lincoln avenue, and Arch street, between Main and Church streets, were paved. Charles Rosser was the contractor. In 1892 Main street, between Lincoln avenue and Wilson's alley; Chestnut street and Lincoln avenue were paved, E. M. Ayers being the contractor. In 1893 Main street, west of Broadway, was paved by T. B. Townsend Co.; Walnut street by Hilles & Freshwater; and Arch street, between Church and Walnut, was paved. In 1897 Main street, east of Wilson's alley, was paved by Fowler & Shipley.

In the summer of 1897 all the principal roads leading into the town were piked to distances ranging from

two to three miles in the country, thus making travel possible on roads, that before had been impassable for teams in the winter season.

The Barnesville Fire Department numbers about seventy volunteer members. The first fire engine for the town was purchased about twenty-five years ago, and has always done good service. In 1894 a new engine with all the modern improvements was bought, and the old engine put aside. But "Old Rough and Ready," as the old engine is named, has been called out on several occasions, and its services found invaluable. The town is well equipped with all the apparatus used in fighting fire.

THE B. & O. R. R.—ITS AGENTS HERE.

The Central Ohio Railroad was finished through Barnesville in 1854, and in August of that year the first cars reached the town. They came from the west. In December, 1866, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad leased this road. The first agent at this place was W. L. Hager, a man popular with everybody. He retired in 1858. He was succeeded by Lewis H. Green, a man of genial manners and good business qualities. After him came Eb. Hunt, who introduced the telegraph era in railway management, trains running before that time without the aid of telegraphy. When Mr. Hunt retired the late E. V. Shipley was appointed, and held the place until his hearing became defective. I. R. Lane was the next agent, and has held the position ever since, with the exception of a few years, when he was appointed to a similar position at Shelby, Ohio. Mr. Johnson was the agent at that time, and continued until his death, when Mr. Lane again became agent here. Mr. Lane is one of

our foremost citizens, and is a prominent Grand Army man.

THE FRIENDS

were among the earliest settlers of this part of Ohio. Some came from North Carolina, some from New Jersey, Virginia, Tennessee, Pennsylvania and New York. At one time they had large meetings at Somerton, Belmont, Loydsville, and St. Clairsville, with smaller ones in different parts of the county. They have formed a very intelligent part of our community, and many who are not now Friends are descendants from them. Many families have moved to the west, and representatives of this denomination at this place may be found in all of the Western States. The first meeting-house built by the Friends was in the spring of 1804. It was built of logs, on the site of the present meeting-house, about one mile and a half east of town, and was the first house built for Christian worship in Warren township. Ruth Boswell preached the first sermon within its walls. This little meeting-house gave place to a brick structure in 1812. The late Hosea Doudna, Sr., was its first steward. In the year 1878 this brick was torn down, and the present brick structure erected on the same site. The Yearly Meeting which was formerly held at Mt. Pleasant is now held here, and is attended by Friends from all over the country. Near the meeting-house is a college building, which was erected in 1875. This is a select school, none but members of the Society being allowed to attend. It is one of the best institutions of the kind in the country.

A VALUABLE RELIC.

Among the interesting relics in Barnesville is a

piano, which at one time belonged to General George Washington. The following are the statements of the parties familiar with its history:

OTTAWA, KANSAS, Sept. 4th, 1888.

J. H. COLLINS, ESQ., COLUMBUS, O.,

Dear Sir—Your inquiry respecting the history of a piano which was in my family for a number of years, I give to the best of my recollection and information.

The piano in question was imported by General Washington and presented to his niece, Miss Blackburn, who retained it a number of years and afterwards parted with it to Major William Hickman, of Jefferson county, Virginia, in whose family it remained until the marriage of his youngest daughter to myself in 1831. In 1832 we brought it to Barnesville, Belmont county, Ohio, where it has remained ever since.

Very respectfully yours, etc.,

COULSON DAVENPORT.

"I have known the piano described above as long as I can remember. Its owner, Mrs. Coulson Davenport, formerly Miss Ellen Hickman, now deceased, being my aunt. Its history, according to family tradition, is the same as that given by my uncle, Coulson Davenport, in the above letter.

MRS. J. H. COLLINS."

SOME OTHER INTERESTING ITEMS.

The front portion of the Crawford residence on Chestnut street is undoubtedly the oldest house in Barnesville. It is built of logs, and was originally a part of the residence of Joseph Taylor, one of the prominent early citizens of Barnesville. The house has since been weather-boarded and improved somewhat, and is still in excellent repair. Mrs. Crawford has lived in the house

over seventy-five years, and in speaking of it says that sixty-six years ago Mr. James Round, now of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and a Miss Laurie were married in that very house. She was the bridesmaid and Mr. John Gibson was the groomsmen. Mr. Round is the son of Rev. James Round, who sank the first tanyard. He was the first child born in the town, and is upwards of eighty-five years of age. He visited Barnesville the past summer, and is hale and hearty for a man of his age. Miss Laurie was the step-daughter of Nathan John.

All to the rear and surrounding the Crawford residence was an immense orchard, planted by Mr. Taylor. This orchard is all gone, but on the north side of the house there stands to-day two stately pear trees, which no doubt were planted by Mr. Taylor, as Mrs. Crawford remembers to have eaten pears from them seventy-five years ago. So these trees must be upwards of eighty-five or ninety years old. They are remarkable fruit producers. Some thirty years ago, as many as forty bushels of pears were sold from these trees in one season, not taking into account the large number that were given away or wasted. They are a large yellow pear, of what is called the Belle variety, and have never been known to fail one season.

There are not many of the old buildings standing now. Among those at the present time are the old seminary building, now the residence of Mrs. Jane Davis, on Chestnut street, the little brick just below the residence of Mr. James Watt on East Hill, and which was for so long a time the residence of Dr. Kemp, and the old academy building on East Hill.

The lot at the southeast corner of Chestnut and Church streets has had a career worthy of special notice.

At first it was dedicated to the use of all shows that visited Barnesville. It was then bought as a site for the M. E. Church building in 1856. When that was abandoned to erect the present grand affair further west on Church street, it was bought by Mr. Edward Bradfield, who put up his palatial residence on it.

The ground upon which Barnesville stands was, when in woods, much noted for the quantity of ginseng that grew upon it. Ginseng gathering was a great industry in early times, being much like the berry industry at present. The persons who gathered the ginseng carried their dinners with them. When the time for dinner came the oldest of the party would give the signal to the others by whooping through his hands, and all would gather on a little knoll where Eli Moore's opera house now stands, and there the dinner hour was passed amid gaiety and a good social time. Among the persons who gathered ginseng on these grounds were Aunt Rachel Parsons and Governor Shannon. All the older people remember Aunt Rachel. She was a devout member of the Methodist church, and no matter how bad the weather, she was always found in her accustomed place at church. Governor Shannon was quite a little boy when he gathered the ginseng roots from these hills.

At the time the town was settled there was, at the center of the crossing between Main and Chestnut streets a spring of excellent water. From it to the south extended a marsh, and in this marsh in warm weather, bears would come to wallow. John Shannon, when a boy, shot a bear there that weighed four hundred pounds. When Rev. Round settled here, he planted a barrel in this spring so as to accumulate water for the use of his family and tanyard. Years afterward the barrel

was removed, and the spring was dug out, walled up like a well, boxed in with windlass and bucket and an iron ladle chained to the side. At the northwest corner of the platform a post was planted with four finger-boards on it, which pointed out the way and distance to McConnellsville, Cambridge, Old Wheeling Road and the Flats of Grave Creek. At this old well the traders who had brought ginseng and furs to trade for salt, sugar, etc., gathered, and sang and danced and exchanged greetings before returning to their homes. Great was the merry-making in old Barnesville. But these things have all passed, and are known no more except in history.

Of all the persons living in Barnesville in 1832—old and young—there are still living from twenty-five to thirty persons. Over twenty of them reside in the town. More members of the William G. Shankland family are still living than were living then, than any other family then in Barnesville. But they are all scattered over the Union, not one living now in Barnesville.

Lot No. 54 on the southwest corner of Main and Chestnut streets is a notable place. On it was sunk the first tanyard in the town. At its south side was the tan house, a two-story brick building. At its north side was the bark mill and the bark house. It was operated as a tannery until 1834, when the building was turned into a tobacco packing house. A broad gateway with an equally broad gate opened into the general lot. The inside was the playground for the boys, where all sorts of games of the times were played. Hop-step-and-jump was a favorite sport then, so was corner-ball. The boys used the tanbark in which to turn hand-springs and somersaults. I saw Rev. Swaney and Hon. M. P.

Deady, when boys, engaged at these sports on this old tanbark by way of recreation, and they enjoyed it hugely.

SOCIAL AND CONVENTIONAL CHANGES.

The social and conventional changes in Barnesville since 1832 deserve special notice. In 1832 at Barnesville Christmas day was paid no more attention to than New Year's day is now. Then New Year's day was like Christmas is now, and Christmas as New Year's day is now. Of course there were a very few families that kept Christmas as it is now.

The ceremony of marriages was then almost universally performed by the Justices of the Peace, while the minister only married a very few. I was at a loss to find out why these things were so. On investigation I found that it came by the force of Puritanical influences. The Catholic Church had made the marriage a sacrament, and the Episcopal Church retained much that was Romish to the hilt. The dissenters, therefore, discarded everything that had even the scent of Romish practice about it. Christmas was a grand day with the Mother Church, and the Puritans treated it with the most perfect contempt. They went so far as to eschew the mince pie because it was the pet pie for Christmas. No man—not one in a thousand—wore beards, but were clean-shaven. A man with a full beard was a show and there was never a mustache to be seen. I remember only one man who had a full beard. That was Mr. Benjamin Meade, late of Quaker City, Ohio. There were no dances. Then among decent people the fiddle was the devil's own instrument, and to be seen with one in your hands stained you for life. And at all meetings and

public gatherings the men sat by themselves in a separate part from the women.

In 1832 there were no social distinctions, only those founded in nature or on the conduct of the person. Natural distinctions are the result of the differences in the moral, mental and physical in the make-up of mankind. Some families are good citizens and neighbors by instinct, treating all with respect who lead good moral lives. Such only were the aristocrats of society in Barnesville in 1832. There were a few men and women who made fruitless efforts to get up class distinction. The people then were homogeneous—in fact all classes were on a common level. A party was constituted of the girls of the richest family to the servant girl of the kitchen, and all were paid equal respect. Many a party was not held because there was no room large enough at the home of the parties to hold all the girls, and they would not slight any.

BARNESVILLE IN THE WAR OF 1861-5.

To do justice to this subject would require months of time, and would make a large and interesting volume in itself, yet the items presented will be found interesting.

The war found us a very peaceable old town—none dreamed there were men of iron hearts amongst us, who could, when necessary, brave death and suffering for a great principal. Yet when the foe threatened, the good old town woke up, and hundreds of her best citizens leaped into the columns marching to the front, determined that our national unity should be preserved. How well they did their duty was attested on every battlefield of the long four years of war, by the death of many whose remains still lay buried under the cedars of the

South, and by the shattered forms of many who were borne back to us again. Barnesville, through her manly sons, was present on every battlefield, and heard the crack of every gun.

More men went from here in the 3d Ohio than in any other regiment—about fifty. They were among the first to answer the three months call, and upon expiration of this term promptly re-enlisted in the three years' service, and had the honor of being the first three years' men to leave the state for the theater of war, reporting to General McClellan at Grafton, June 23, 1861. Their passage through this place was one of great excitement, everybody turned out to get a parting look at the brave and patriotic sons, brothers, husbands, lovers. On Nov. 28, 1861, the regiment was moved to Louisville, Ky., and served through Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, following Bragg back to Louisville in the fall of 1862. At Perryville, Ky., the color bearer and five others who caught up the colors were shot down, the regiment losing 215 men. In April, 1863, the regiment was ordered on a raid in Georgia, to burn foundries and shops in Rome, burn bridges, etc. On May 3d, 1863, the command was compelled to surrender to the enemy, and became prisoners of war. The officers were sent to Libby and men parolled, and did good service in the state quelling disturbance, and in pursuit of Morgan's rebel raiders.

Killed in action—E. Hall, A. Morris, Owen Moore, Benjamin Riley, Benjamin Uncles. Wounded—J. L. Hall, Leven Ellis, Wm. H. Barnes. Missing—A. Livingston. Died in service—Francis Hall, Morgan McCroba, Lee Tillman, Chas. Lyles, David Stidd, Joel C. Tracy, Thomas Messer. Prisoners of war—S. B. Piper, Francis Hall, B. Mahanna, Morgan McCroba, Jonathan Ellis, E.

French, Chas. Briggs, D. W. Brambaugh, M. D. King, R. J. Dennis, Wm. McLeary, Wm. McCartney, Chas. Etzler, Samuel French, M. Monahan, J. H. Tracy, Wm. Moore, J. T. Hunt, Chas. McKeon, E. Doudna, Wilson Gilliland, Robert Hays, Reuben A. Warfield, Leonard Hays. It is evident the 3rd Ohio saw a great deal of hard service.

Five went in the 15th Ohio, of whom three were killed or wounded, a very large per cent. Killed—Rufus Howard. Wounded—Samuel Hilles and Henry Brooks. Engagements—Green River, Shiloh, Corinth, Liberty Gap, Stone River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Atlanta Campaign, March to the Sea. Through the Carolinas and Bentonville.

Thirty-seven Barnesville boys volunteered in the 30th Ohio. Of this number there were killed in action, Israel P. White, Thomas K. White, John K. Mossburg, Nathan J. White, Elza Gallagher, and Robert Cross. Died in service—James W. White, Josiah D. Lupton, J. Y. Robinson, William Wragg, James McKirihan, and Wm. Beard. Wounded—Ambrose Seals, William Hill, William D. Cole, James Stubbs, J. Y. Robinson, and Thomas C. Shankland. Engagements—Second Bull Run, South Mountain, Federick City, Antietam, Port Hudson, Jackson, Vicksburg, Mission Ridge, Buzzard Roost, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Sherman's March to the Sea, Fort McAllister and Bentonville. This regiment was in service from the beginning to the close of the war, and the anecdotes and experiences related by the survivors would make an interesting volume. They came out veterans tried in the hottest fires.

Fifty or sixty went in the 52d Ohio from this place. They formed a part of the southwestern forces, and made a very creditable record in the battles of Perry-

ville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Knoxville, Buzzard Roost, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Rome, Atlanta, Jonesboro, March to the Sea, Averysboro and Bentonville. At the charge on Kenesaw, their Colonel, Dan McCook, who was in command of the brigade, was mortally wounded as he mounted the enemy's works. The next ranking officer, Col. Harman, assumed command and shouting "Forward," was shot through the head and instantly killed. Col. Dilworth, then succeeding to command, was within ten minutes shot through the neck, after which Col. Langley was in command until the close of the engagement. In this charge William Bradfield was mortally wounded. Those killed in service were Al Brister, Boyd Forbes and Fletcher Beatty. Wounded—John N. (Flick) Hunt, Webster Folger. Died—John Hardesty.

The 60th O. V. I. had thirty-two men from this place, of whom there were killed in action Dewitt Steele, James F. Kuhns, S. Griffith, Jonathan Evans, and James Barnes. Wounded—James White, William M. Nace, John W. Hayes, Jesse B. Ellis, William H. Barnes, George H. Tillman, Owen Delong, and John Bolon. James A. Vance died in Andersonville prison, after suffering all the horrors of that place. James W. White and John W. Crew died in the service. During one year's service, this regiment lost five hundred and five men. The regiment took an honorable part in the following engagements—The Wilderness, Nye River, Spottsylvania, North and South Anna, Salem C. H., Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, Ream's Station, Pegram Farm, Hatcher's Run, and Fort Steadman—a goodly list of famous battles.

Ten of our men enlisted in the 126th Ohio, which saw

some of the most severe service in Virginia. This regiment was sent to New York in August, 1863, to quell the riots during the enforcement of the draft. They took an active part in the following engagements—Martinsburg, Wapping Heights, Culpepper C. H., Bristow Station, Bealton Station, Kelley's Ford, Locust Grove, Mine Run, Wilderness, Alsop's Farm, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Tolopotamy, Cold Harbor, Bermuda Hundred, Weldon R. R., Monocacy, Snicker's Ferry, Charleston, Smithfield, Opequam, Flint Hill, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, and Petersburg. Lieutenant Robert Hilles, for whom our Grand Army Post is named, was killed in the battle of the Wilderness. There were wounded—Henry Lupton and John Scoles. Captured—Abe Kelley, H. W. Ball, John Scoles and W. Edgar Dove. Mr. Dove spent some time as a prisoner at Andersonville, and while being transferred to Florence escaped, and after four months' traveling, mostly at night, entered the Union lines at Knoxville, Tennessee. He afterwards became a lieutenant and captain in the Regular Infantry, and served with credit on the frontier. He was drowned in the Niagara River, May 28, 1884.

Two full companies were organized and drilled for service in the Department of the Monongahela, and were at one time called to Erie, Pa. While not actively engaged against the enemy, they constituted a good reserve force for an emergency.

But once was our town threatened by the enemy, when that bold raider Morgan passed like the flash of a meteor across the State. It was believed he would not neglect so important a place as this, so there was hurrying to and fro, able bodied men hunted up their muskets, some fell into ranks without muskets, the main force pro-

ceeding to the trestle work, as it was believed that was the route by which the enemy would come. Parties were sent out to obstruct the roads as they went out, at the same time cutting off their own return, a species of strategy not taught by the best authorities. The city council, in response to a request from Provost Marshal David McCartney, instructed that officer to present the freedom of the city on a silver platter to the bold Morgan, and the forces defending the town to be careful and not hurt any of the enemy. It was a great insult to the trembling maiden that the rebel chief refused to accept her proffered hand, but rode to other conquests. There was great excitement in every household. All the silverware and other valuables were hurriedly secreted, and for a few nights but little sleep was indulged in.

Barnesville was for a time the headquarters of the draft commissioner of the district, Oliver Keyser, and Provost Marshal McCartney. Here the drafting took place that settled the fate of many a man, and here the drafted forces reported.

Those who took part in the great struggle are now far into the autumn of life, gray hairs predominate, they see a new generation grown up around them, yet the spirit of patriotism is as strong in them to-day as it was when as young men they offered their services and lives to their country, and if, in the late war with Spain, their services had been required, they would no doubt have answered to the call with promptness.

BARNESVILLE BOYS IN THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

After over thirty years of peace our country was again involved in war, this time with a foreign nation. And from every part of the country, our young men re-

sponded, thus showing to the world the great depth of patriotism which lies in the hearts of the young of this generation. Barnesville was well represented in the Spanish-American war. Among the young men who went as volunteers were Willis Heed, Wm. Hilles, Constant Kleinlienz, Wm. Hance, Ross Ellis, Ralph Lippincott, Jas. Shankland, Elmer Pack, Harry Hager, Charles Vansickle, George Marlow, and George Peddicord. Of the former Barnesville boys who enlisted were Edward Brown, Bert Harris, George Evans, and James Jackson and Matthew Hurley, two colored young men. There are a number of our boys who belong to the regular service. Lieutenant Rufus Lane was stationed on the flagship, New York, and was with Sampson's fleet during all its engagements with the enemy. Murray Holloway, another former Barnesville boy, was on Dewey's flagship, the Olympia, at the engagement of that Admiral with the Spanish in the Philippines.

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